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GERMANS IN REIGN OF TERROR.

STORY OF HARROWING EXPERIENCES.

REACH HANKOW AFTER "RED" ORGY AT CHENCHOW.

FORCED TO WITNESS.

Hankow, Mar. 14.

Spared from unspeakable torture and probably murder by medical knowledge which they applied to the treatment of wounded Communists, a German engineer and his wife, who have just arrived in Hankow from Chenchow, Hunan, related their terribly harrowing experiences to newspaper men.

Both are in an extremely distressed state as the result of the horrors through which they have passed, but they stated that the same band of Communists who sacked the once prosperous city of Lichang, and destroyed it, attacked Chenchow and carried out their campaign of slaughter, incendiarism and rapine.

Slaughtered Before Eyes.

The German engineer, who is employed by a Chinese mining company and was living in Chenchow with his wife, was unable to escape, and they were forced to witness the torturing and butchering of hundreds of Chinese in shocking circumstances.

They were spared a similar fate only because they possessed medical skill and were able to doctor many of the Communists who were wounded in the successful attack by Pei Chung-hai on Lichang.

Horrible Tortures.

Both the German victims of the Communist orgy are in an overwrought condition and a prolonged interview was not permitted by Hankow medical men, but they stated that the Reds adopted most horrible methods with their unfortunate victims. Some were burned alive, others had their eyes gouged out, while others had various members of their bodies sliced off.

The man told the interviewers that a huge area in South Hunan and Northern Kwangtung is infested with the Communist hordes from Swatow and Canton, who have been joined by the disbanded followers of Marshal Tang Seng-chi and are creating a terroristic reign in all the villages and small towns.—*Reuter.*

On Kwangtung Border.

Chenchow, the city now ravaged by the Communist hordes, is in Hunan, just over the Kwangtung border, being south of Lichang, which has been utterly destroyed. All along the border the insatiable fiends have been doing their dreadful work, and scores of communities have been attacked, their homes destroyed by fire, and hundreds tortured and slaughtered.

The death-roll in this terrible disaster, which is the work of ex-Communists, ex-Tang Seng-chi followers, and some of the Hai-Luk-tung Reds, is assuming enormous proportions.

Terrible Campaign.

It is impossible to write of some of the outrages committed particularly on the womenfolk, but the campaign followed by the Communists appears to be the same in every case.

A town or village is attacked, the principal buildings are set on fire, the leading residents are led out and unmercifully treated until they are grateful when the murderous hordes finally despatch them, and afterwards the place is systematically destroyed, formerly prosperous centres being reduced to piles of debris, while the inhabitants who do not flee in terror before the advance, are butchered.

They have not been content to murder individuals but have dragged out whole families and slaughtered them one by one.

One horrifying instance of their horrible barbarism was seen at Lichang, where 300 priests were tied up in a temple, the doors locked and barred and the place set on fire, all the priests dying in the conflagration without a single exception.

U. S. DAM BURST DISASTER.

FOUR HUNDRED KILLED NEAR LOS ANGELES.

DUE TO EARTHQUAKE?

Los Angeles, Mar. 13.

An earthquake smashed the huge dam at the San Francisco Canyon Reservoir to-day, and it is estimated that at least 400 were killed, and thousands rendered homeless.

The reservoir at San Francisco Canyon forms part of the Los Angeles water supply, and the dam was over 100 feet high. It suddenly gave way, releasing a flood on the surrounding townships.

Rescuers are making all speed to the scene of the catastrophe, though some doubts are expressed that the disaster was due to an earthquake, as it was not felt elsewhere.

Full details of the toll of the waters is not known, but 150 workmen perished in a construction camp at Kemp, there being only one survivor of a large gang, while it is feared that thirty Indians were overwhelmed by the rushing waters in a ranch, which was a popular rodeo centre.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Later reports from the mortuaries and hospitals in the district stricken by the dam disaster show that nearly 200 bodies have been recovered and a further 800 persons are still missing.—*Reuter.*

MR. ANDREW MELLON EXPLAINS.

BONDS AND A SUBSCRIPTION OF \$50,000.

New York, Mar. 13.

Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, the U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, subpoenaed by the Senate Oil Committee, explained that he received a package of Liberty Bonds to the value of \$50,000 from Mr. Hays, with a suggestion that he should keep them, and subscribe a similar amount to the Purty Funds.

Mr. Mellon declared that he objected, as he felt he would be making a subscription that was not what it purported to be. He returned the Bonds, but later made a bona fide subscription to the same amount.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SUPER-PLANE WRECK FOUND.

LIEUT. KINKADEAD DEAD IN MACHINE.

London, Mar. 13.

The wreck of the Super-Marine Napier, which crashed yesterday, killing the famous Schneider Cup airman, Flight Lieutenant Kinkadead, has been found.

The machine was in two parts, namely the engine and the fuselage, and the body of the dead airman was found inside. The body was removed to the mortuary at Calshot.—*Reuter.*

THREE MATSHEDS ABLAZE.

OUTBREAK ON BAY VIEW HILLSIDE.

A fire involving three matchsheds broke out yesterday morning in the hillside at Bay View, near the Asiatic Petroleum Company's buildings. The outbreak was of short duration and when the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene, the conflagration was all over.

The total damage to the matchsheds, which were not covered by insurance, is placed at \$700.

LITTLE LESS BREEZY.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—The anticyclone is probably central near Peking. Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected along the South-East Coast of China and over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, strong, moderating; generally overcast.

TWO TRANS-OCEAN FLIGHTS?

MYSTERY OF PLAN BY HINCHCLIFFE.

SIGHTED OVER CORK AFTER STRANGE RETICENCE.

A PACIFIC ATTEMPT.

London, Mar. 13.

Captain Hinchcliffe, whose plans for a non-stop flight to India were recently a newspaper feature, started for an "unknown destination" at 8.40 a.m. this morning, in a giant Stinson monoplane, which he has named the "Endavour."

There were very few onlookers when the giant machine took the air at Cranwell Aerodrome, and a curious reticence was maintained by the aviator.

It is known that the plane was laden with petrol sufficient for a 3,000 miles non-stop flight and further that it set off in a westerly direction.

Off To America?

Afterwards, Mrs. Hinchcliffe who was beset by Press representatives told them he was going to Baldonnel Aerodrome at Dublin and that he would there prepare for a flight across the Atlantic, but information from Dublin shows that Capt. Hinchcliffe had not arrived there by the afternoon.

Hinchcliffe's London agent told Pressmen that Hinchcliffe intended to attempt a Transatlantic flight from England to America.

Later.

An aeroplane, believed to be Captain Hinchcliffe's "Endavour," was sighted over Mizen Head, Cork, this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

The Aviator.

The flight across the Atlantic from East to West has never been successfully carried out non-stop by an heavier-than-air machine, though Col. Lindburgh, and Clarence Chamberlain among others have made the trip from America to Europe.

Captain Hinchcliffe was at one time selected by Charles Levine, the American millionaire, to pilot the "Miss Columbia" from England to America, but weather conditions brought about an abandonment of the scheme.

Subsequently they set out for India, but the Miss Columbia crashed in Italy. The machine has since been rebuilt and successfully carried out a non-stop flight of 1,400 miles to Havana a few days ago.

Japanese Project.

Teruo Fujimoto, the well-known Japanese aviator who made the Shanghai-Osaka flight last year, it is understood, to lead three other Japanese aviators in a projected 5,000 mile non-stop flight to the United States.

Mr. Fujimoto, it has been stated, planned this daring flight from Tokyo to Seattle while threatened with death on another Pacific Ocean flight last year.

Promise of \$350,000.

Originally it was decided to attempt a Shanghai-Seattle flight, but this has been abandoned in favour of the Tokyo hop to Seattle. Mr. Fujimoto's proposed flight is said to be backed by enthusiastic wealthy business men of Japan who have promised \$350,000 for the project.

Fujimoto is only 25 years old, and his companions in the greatest air venture ever attempted by Japan—Nobutake Kameda, 24 years old; Uchi Suwa, 26; and Yukichi Goto, 28, declare that Japan, like nations of the West, see aviation as a young man's field of action.

Flight Early In July.

The exact date of the flight has not been determined, but it will be early in July and will be made in two planes weighing 11,000 pounds. The planes will hop off from Kaurigaura Tokyo.

The Japanese Imperial Aeronautical Association expects either Fujimoto, flight commander, or Suwa and Goto to accomplish the daring venture in 48 hours. Construction for the necessary runway for the Ankeff is estimated at \$50,000 and the planes are being built at a cost of \$100,000 each.

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GOODWILL DINNER IN SHANGHAI.

CHINA'S ADMIRATION FOR BRITISH POLICY.

COMMON GOAL URGED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

Guarantees for the safety of trade, and the benefit to China and foreigners alike, formed the keynote of a speech by Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking, at a dinner given by the Chinese Chambers of Commerce last night.

Sir Miles agreed that the treaties required overhauling subject to the circumstances prevailing.

Britain, he said, desired the establishment of a system which would enable her subjects to live in China and to trade peacefully.

Her aims were not political, but only the development of commerce. Treaty revision had only been delayed by the abnormal circumstances, and it was necessary for both sides to work steadily towards a common goal.

Both China and Britain should exert their individual efforts to create the proper atmosphere for the realisation of China's aspirations.

Mr. Fung, the President of the Central Executive of the Chamber, assured Sir Miles Lampson that the Chinese were showing genuine admiration for the liberal policy demonstrated by Great Britain.

NANKING TESTING MARSHAL LI.

APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF IN MANDATE.

ORDERED TO NORTH.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

The Nationalist Government in Nanking has just issued a Mandate appointing Marshal Li Chai-sum as Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army and reducing General Ho Ying-ching to Second Chief of Staff. The Government has also ordered Marshal Li to come to Nanking immediately to assume his office.

According to a prominent leader in Nanking, Marshal Li Chai-sum will be shortly leaving for the capital together with General Chan Ming-shin "to discuss important military questions" with the authorities of the Central Government.

Marshal Li will it is declared give financial aid to the Northern Expedition, and part of the military force in the South will be sent to Nanking to help in the Taiipo military campaign.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

RUBBER RESTRICTION SCHEME.

CONDEMNED AS UNECONOMIC BY CEYLON.

Colombo, Mar. 13.

The Legislative Council after a long debate on the rubber question, adopted a motion by thirteen votes to nine, condemning the Stevenson Restriction Scheme as wholly uneconomic for Ceylon.—*Reuter.*

HUNAN SUPREME COURT.

NANKING APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

The appointment of Mr. Choong Kij-yeung as President of the Supreme Court of Hunan Province was decided on by the Nanking Government yesterday.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

The s.s. Taiyo Maru, from Los Angeles and Shanghai, reports a case of pulmonary phthisis and intestinal tuberculosis on board.

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ROYAL GUESTS OF BRITAIN.

IMPOSING WELCOME TO AFGHAN KING.

YEOMEN OF THE GUARD AT STATE BANQUET.

PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM.

London, Mar. 13.

King Amanullah of Afghanistan, and his Queen, had an imposing official reception and a wonderful popular welcome when they arrived in England from Calais to-day.

From the middle of the English Channel to Dover, four British destroyers escorted the steamer "Maid of Orleans" in which the Royal visitors came from France, while overhead flew five fighter aeroplanes.

As the "Maid of Orleans" entered Dover Harbour, the guns of Dover Castle thundered forth the royal salute, while waiting on the quay were the Prince of Wales, wearing the uniform of the Welsh Guards, and with him were Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Francis Humphrys, the British Minister at Kabul, the Afghan Minister in London, and the British suite to be attached to Their Afghan Majesties.

As soon as the vessel had been made fast, the Prince of Wales approached the gangway, and welcomed King Amanullah and Queen Souriya, while the band played the Afghan national anthem.

Gorgeous Uniform.

King Amanullah was a splendid figure in a gorgeous uniform of a skyblue tunic and scarlet trousers under a long grey green cloak. He wore a black and scarlet helmet, surmounted by a white cockade. His suite also wore brilliant uniforms.

Queen Souriya was fashionably dressed in European style. After inspecting the Guard of Honour, their Majesties listened to the Address of Welcome presented by the Mayor and Corporation of Dover.

The Mayoress handed Queen Souriya a bouquet of red and white roses and the Queen bowed her thanks.

Accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the King and Queen of Afghanistan proceeded to London in a special Royal coach.

Greetings At Victoria.

At Victoria Station, London, Britain's guests were awaited by King George and Queen Mary, with whom were the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry, and Prince Arthur of Connaught. There was also a distinguished assembly, which included Mr. Stanley Bakiwin, the Premier, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Cabinet in levee dress and the heads of the fighting Services in military uniform.

As King Amanullah stepped from the train, he was greeted heartily by King George who wore a Field Marshal's uniform.

Queen Souriya was presented to Queen Mary and they shook hands equally as cordially.

Their Afghan Majesties were then introduced to the members of the British Cabinet and to Field Marshal Sir George Milne, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, and Air Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard.

King Amanullah inspected the Guard of Honour, while the band of the Guards played the Afghan national anthem.

Huge Crowds.

In state carriages the British and Afghan Royal parties then drove to Buckingham Palace. As they emerged from the station they were cheered vociferously by one of the largest crowds ever seen at a reception of this kind. The demonstration continued along the whole route to the Palace. Women spectators were particularly anxious to see Queen Souriya of whose beauty much had been heard, and she was generally admired.

After the ceremonial reception of the Afghan King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, the Royal

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MOSCOW ARRESTS AT DONETZ.

M. CHICHERIN FAILS TO GIVE SATISFACTION.

GERMANY ANNOYED?

Berlin, Mar. 13.

The German Ambassador to Moscow has telegraphed the result of his conversations with M. Chicherin regarding the arrests of foreign engineers who were working at the Donetz coal basin.

M. Chicherin has not vouchsafed any information justifying the arrests beyond stating that an investigation is being made, the result of which would be communicated to the German Ambassador.

Dr. Stresemann, the Foreign Secretary has just returned from Geneva and it is anticipated that he will take the matter up vigorously with the Russian Government.

The Berlin newspapers describe the affair as an outrage and demand that Germany break off the present trade negotiations with Russia. The negotiations have been proceeding for the past fortnight.

A number of British engineers were arrested at the same time, but diplomatic relations do not exist between Britain and Russia, Germany having undertaken to conduct any necessary negotiations.—*Reuter.*

TIBET EXPEDITION'S NET PROFIT.

LINKING UP TERRESTRIAL MAGNETISMS.

Delhi, Mar. 13.

The arrival of the party consisting of an American missionary, Mr. Plymmer, a British missionary, Mr. Mathewson, and Dr. Filchner, a German scientist, at Leh, marks the second and final stage of the Asiatic Magnetic Expedition, extending over Tibet from East to West.

The party claims to have added greatly to the knowledge of terrestrial magnetism by establishing via Kulja a connexion between the West Asiatic and European magnetic net and the Chinese net made by the Carnegie Expedition.

They have also made a big advance by linking up the Chinese and Indian nets.

Since the expedition set out from Kulja, 156 magnetic stations have been established.

The party is going to Srinagar from Leh.—*Reuter.*

INDIA CENSURES THE GOVERNMENT.

OPPOSITION PASSES TWO RESOLUTIONS.

New Delhi, Mar. 13.

Two anti-Government motions were carried in the Assembly to-day, the first moved by Motilal Nehru, opposing the grant of 340,000 rupees for the expenses of the Statutory Commission, being carried by 66 votes to 59.

Another resolution, nominally reducing the Estimates as a mark of censure on the Government for the non-appointment of an Indian as leader of the Indian delegation to the League of Nations, was carried by 76 votes to 45.—*Reuter.*

SCOTS PREPARE FOR WEMBLEY.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TRIAL.

London, Mar. 13.

In a soccer trial at Glasgow to-day, the Scots drew with the Anglo-Scots, each side netting once.

The match was preparatory to the big international between England and Scotland to be played on March 21st, at the Wembley Stadium.—*Reuter.*

M. LITVINOFF AT GENEVA.

Geneva, Mar. 13.

M. Litvinoff, M. Lunacharsky and ten other Russian delegates to the Preparatory Disarmament Commission arrived to-day almost unnoticed.—*Reuter.*

CANTON DEMAND ON RUSSIA.

TO COVER LOSSES IN "RED" COUP.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

MERCHANTS' PETITION.

Reports are current in Chinese circles that the Canton Government intends making a demand on the Soviet Government in Moscow for compensation to Chinese merchants for the huge losses suffered as the result of the "Red" reign of terror in Canton last December.

It is stated that shortly after the "Reds" were driven out of Canton and officials of the Russian Consulate were arrested, the Canton political Council discussed the matter of making a demand on Russia for compensation to cover the huge losses resulting from the destruction of business premises and houses.

An examination of documents seized at the Russian Consulate is said to have convinced the Canton authorities that Russian officials were at the back of the "Red" coup and were therefore indirectly responsible for the destruction which marked the reign of terror.

Losses Being Investigated.

Chinese reports state that although the Political Council decided to make these demands on Russia, no intimation has yet been announced of the actual procedure to be followed in putting this decision into effect.

It is now stated, however, that the Canton authorities are making exhaustive enquiries to discover the exact amount of damage done during the "Red" coup, before taking official action.

In this connexion, it is reported that the Kwangtung Industrial Association, an organisation representing many merchant bodies, recently filed a petition with the Canton Government asking that the investigations be expedited in order that negotiations with Russia be begun at an early date.

At the moment, this is said to be the latest development in the situation, although Chinese commentators say that the Canton Government cannot very well permit the matter to be dropped, in view of the disclosures arising from the examination of the documents seized at the Russian Consulate.

Action Against "Reds".

In the meantime, the Canton authorities are still busily engaged in action against those Labour Unions which are said to have taken a prominent part in assisting the "Reds" during the December coup.

From Shuihung, a flourishing city on the West River, it is reported that the authorities, acting on instructions from Canton, sent out large parties of troops on Friday to close down all the Labour Guilds in the city, with the result that thirty-six Unions leaders were placed under arrest.

Following the suppression of these Unions, the merchants, who had suffered much from labour tyranny, celebrated the occasion by the firing of large strings of crackers.

Russia Blames Canton!

It is interesting, in view of the reports of demands by Canton on Russia, to recall the attitude taken by M. Chicherin, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner, after the stern action taken in Canton against the "Reds" when several Russians, including the Vice Consul, M. Hassis, were executed.

In the course of a lengthy statement on the subject, M. Chicherin asserted that "the political responsibility for these atrocities thus rests on all persons in the region of so-called 'Nationalist' Government. Not only Generals Chang Fat-kwai and Li Fook-tun who acted at Canton, but also others, such as Li Chai-sum, Chiang Kai-shek and Pei Chung-shi, are guilty of these crimes."

M. Chicherin added that responsibility also fell on other forces of world reaction hostile to the Soviet Union, in which connexion he accused British Imperialism as "the chief motive force of the Canton slaughter and the acts of violence perpetrated on Soviet

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RELIABILITY TRIAL THANKS.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—The Committee responsible for the recent motor cycle reliability trial is indebted to so many local companies and residents for assistance in the trial that writing personal letters of thanks is almost impossible. Some who took an active interest in the event are unknown to us and in view of these circumstances the Committee is compelled to ask the courtesy of your columns to express sincere thanks to all those who assisted in the organization and successful running of the trial.

To a number of local companies, the names of which have already appeared in your columns, the Committee expresses its thanks for donations to the award fund and also for facilities they generously provided to lighten considerably the difficult task of marking the course.

The Committee also owes a deep debt of gratitude to the numerous local gentlemen who gave up their time to act as checkers, marshals, observers etc., to local motorists who placed cars at the Committee's disposal, to the Police Department for its interest and very ready cooperation, to the Press for its sympathetic interest in this first event and to all those who so willingly offered their services and by whose assistance the trial was carried through to a successful conclusion.

The wide publicity which these thanks will receive may convey to the many helpers the Committee's deep appreciation of their services.

—Yours etc.,

H. G. SWINBURNE.
(Trial Secretary).
Hongkong, Mar. 13, 1928.

BOMB OUTRAGES.

SHOEMAKERS' STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS.

Serious developments are apparently taking place in connexion with the strike of employees of Singapore shoemakers' shops, for twice on one night last week the Fire Brigade were summoned to deal with outbreaks of fire which followed upon the throwing of crudely manufactured bombs in premises occupied by shoe manufacturers.

The Brigade was actually called out three times during the evening, but on one occasion the fire appears to have been caused actually during the manufacture of a bomb in a house in Short Street. In this outbreak several people were burned and one man, a Hy-lam, went to the hospital for treatment. There he was traced by the police, who on a subsequent inspection of the premises where the fire had occurred a Hy-lam tailor's shop at No. 10-1 Short Street, unearched a quantity of seditious literature. When the explosion occurred the occupants of the house ran out into the road and disappeared, but the police have been successful in making one arrest.

Prior to and after this outbreak the Fire Brigade were called out. On the earlier occasion they were called to a shoe-maker's shop at the junction of Sumbawa Road and North Bridge Road where a bomb had been thrown. Fortunately the only effect of the explosion of the bomb was the emission of a cloud of smoke and no damage was done. The remains of the bomb were discovered and handed over to the police.

The last call was received shortly after nine o'clock to No. 49 Middle Road, premises where a shoemaking business was carried on. Two bombs were thrown into the shop. The first apparently failed to explode, but the second ignited the contents of the shop causing a great deal of damage before the Fire Brigade, who had been promptly summoned, arrived and extinguished the flames.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN NATURALIST.

Mr. Richard Kearton, the well-known naturalist, author, and lecturer, died at his home, Ashdene, Caterham Valley, Surrey, aged 66. He was a brother of Mr. Cherry Kearton, the well-known explorer.

Mr. Richard Kearton became devoted to natural history through an accident. A native of Thwaites, in Swaledale, Yorkshire, he was injured while bird nesting, and the bone was set so badly that he became a cripple, able to do little more than ramble through the fields in search of his "specimens." At 17 he had made himself thoroughly acquainted with every aspect of sheepfarming on his native moors. His brother looked after the sheep, and when a ram strayed, Richard's eldest brother earned a local reputation for himself by riding home across the moor on the animal's back.

Mr. Kearton travelled extensively, lecturing on natural history, and had many curious experiences. When lecturing at a large provincial prison he unwittingly caused a pandemonium by leaning as he spoke on an electric bell push connected with the prison alarm.

Mr. W. R. Giles, "Daily Mail"
Correspondent.

Peking, Mar. 8.
Mr. W. R. Giles, the Peking correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, died yesterday evening at the French Hospital here from pneumonia.

Mr. Giles had a charming personality. He came to China with, it is believed, a Welsh regiment. He took his discharge in Tientsin and for a time was a free lance as a newspaper correspondent in North China. He had many exciting adventures prior to and immediately succeeding the 1911 revolution. On one occasion, he was arrested, taken away and heavily chained in a Chinese gaol, and although kept in chains he was able to clamber through a window and escape. In his endeavour to escape, both his legs were broken and in spite of these severe injuries he was able to crawl away and eventually received medical treatment at the American Legation. He recovered but was a cripple for life. Another of his adventures occurred in 1912. A Mr. Grant who was an inspector with the Great Northern Telegraph Co. was on a trip in Mongolia when a report was received that he had disappeared and news could not be obtained of him. Friends of his organized an expedition to seek for him. There were many volunteers and finally Mr. Henningsen chose Mr. Giles and Dr. Wolf, a Scandinavian, who, some years later lost his life in an Antarctic expedition in which the doctor was the botanist in the expedition. The three chosen went off into Mongolia and apparently were also lost. What actually happened was that they were also captured by the Mongols, after holding them at bay for several hours. The Mongols openly said that they would shoot their captives and they were kept prisoners for two or three days. Subsequently they were released but the Mongols told them that Mr. Grant had met his death. He went through Chang Tso-lin's campaign when he defeated Wu Peifu. There are many other stories which could be told of his great courage and his death will be mourned by many.

SEVERE 'QUAKE.

FIVE HUNDRED HOUSES DESTROYED.

Teheran, Mar. 13.
Severe earthquake shocks have been felt in the Nebandan and Sistan districts. In one case, five hundred houses, comprising half a village, were destroyed.—*Reuter*.

MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL AWARDS.

J. E. KOTWALL WINS THREE CUPS.

The Committee responsible for the motor cycle reliability trial organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. announced the results of Sunday's trial last night. The awards are as follow:

First. (Silver Cup).

J. E. Kotwall (21) Clean Sheet.

Second. (Silver Cup).

H. Kew (23) 3 points lost.

Third. (Silver Cup).

J. Kindness (13) tied with F. Baker (41) with a loss of five points.

M. C. Section Cup.

J. Kindness (13). 5 points lost.

Flying Squad Cup.

J. E. Kotwall. (Clean Sheet).

The Sincere Cup.

J. E. Kotwall.

Consolation Prize.

B. Dewhurst (32).

Team Prize.

E. J. Spradbery (10) 52.

W. Taylor (5) 22.

B. S. Rogers (6) 11.

Points Lost. 85

The numbers following the names of the winners show the numbers they rode under in the trial.

Excellent Performance.

The performance in the trial of J. E. Kotwall is especially meritorious. To complete a course which included three secret checks and three stiffish hills at least, without the loss of a single point, is an excellent performance and a tribute to both rider and machine. Kotwall rode a 3½ horse power A.J.S. machine. Being also a member of the Flying Squad he wins the silver cup confined to members of that squad, and as his machine was under 500 c.c. he also secures the silver cup presented by the Sincere Company.

Kew, who wins the second prize with a loss of only three points, was caught at the Aberdeen check on the first lap. Otherwise his performance was faultless. He was mounted on a Rudge Whitworth machine of 499 c.c., this of course, like the winning A.J.S., being a British machine.

All British Machines.

Both Kindness and Baker, who tie for the third prize, also rode British machines, the first having a Norton, it is understood, and the latter a Triumph. Kindness also wins the special cup confined to competitors in the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. presented by Lieut. Col. L.G. Bird, D.S.O.

The consolation prize, consisting of a silver cup presented by the Savoy Hotel, is awarded to E. Dewhurst. This was awarded according to suggestions made by the donor of the cup.

British machines were again successful in the team award which consists of a silver cup for each member of the winning team. Spradbery rode a Matchless, Taylor a Triumph, and Rogers a Norton.

A detailed analysis showing the places at which each competitor lost points will be published at a later date. Official confirmation of the results is meanwhile being sent to the winners of the various cups.

Washington, Mar. 13.

Negotiations have been opened with Germany and Spain for the conclusion of arbitration treaties on similar lines to the recent Franco-American Treaty.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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By solemn military pageant, a memorable service in Westminster Abbey, and the silent homage of a multitude of men and women in the streets, the nation honoured and took farewell of Lord Haig, the dead leader of the greatest Army the Empire has ever known. The arrival of the funeral procession at Westminster Abbey from Pont Street is illustrated in our photograph, which shows the crowds gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. (Times copyright).



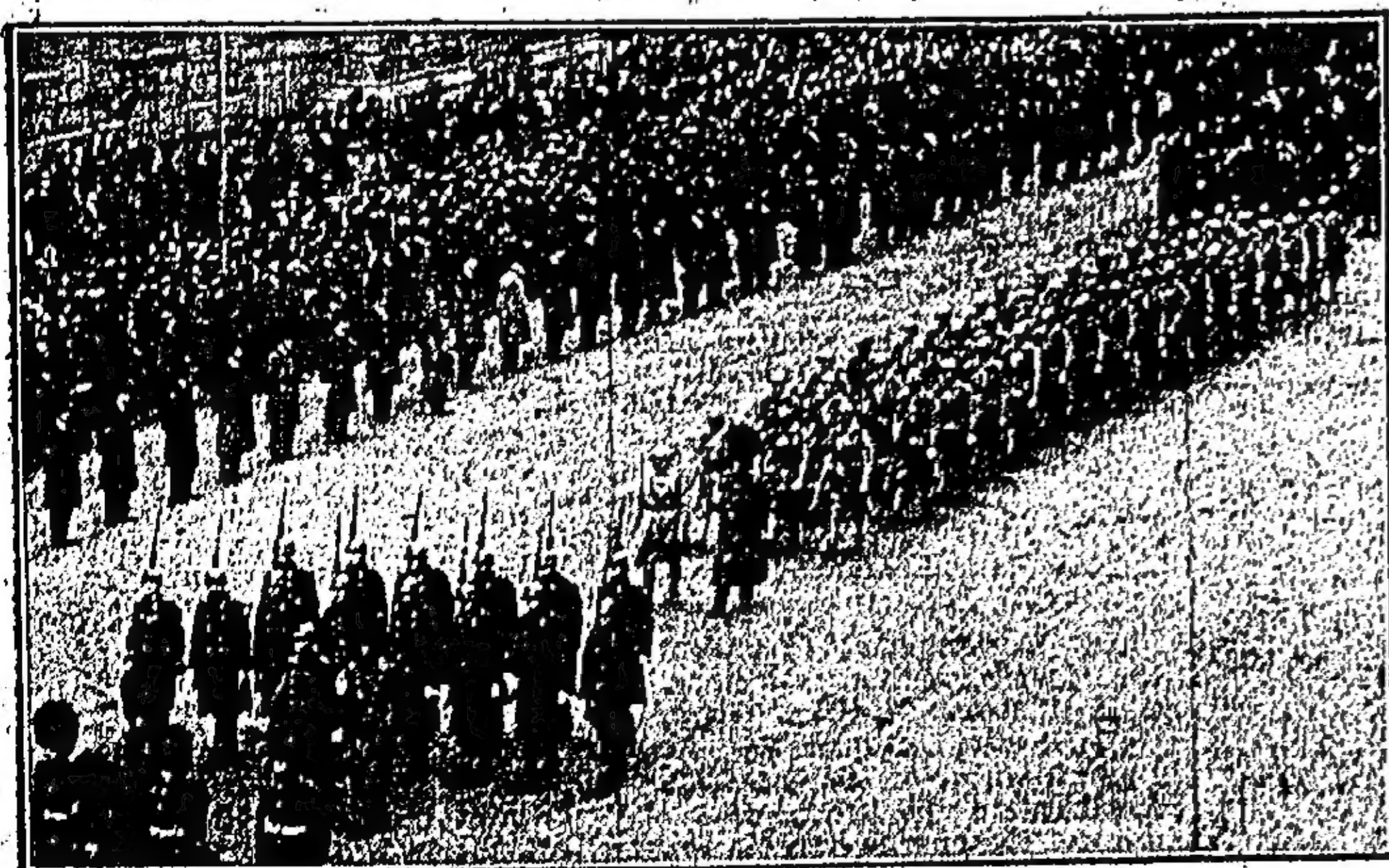
This is Prof. Lydiard Horton, Boston bio-psychologist, who is assisting the search for Frances St. John Smith, missing Smith College freshman, by searching psycho-analytically for a possible motive for her disappearance.



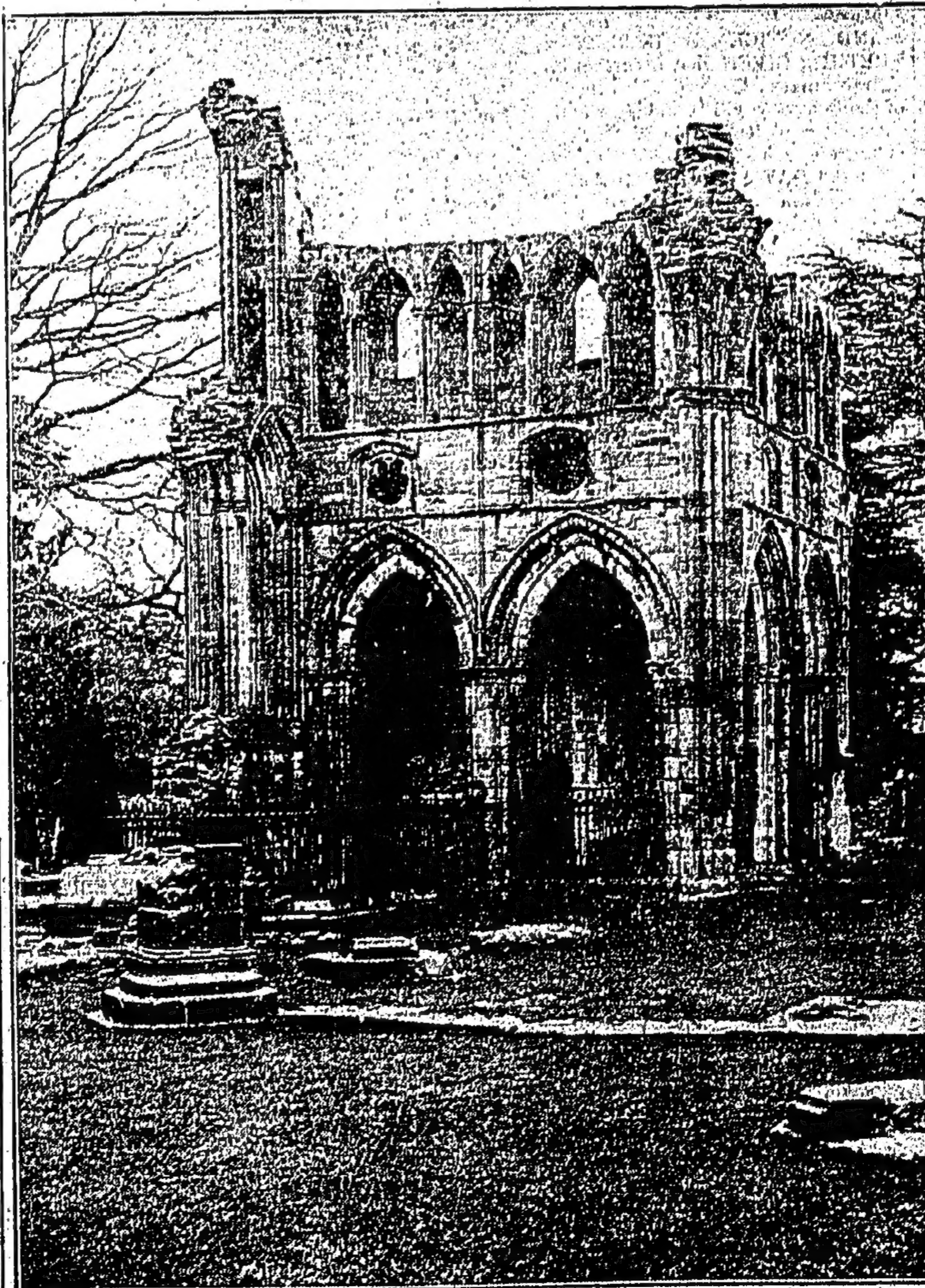
The fate of George Romus, Cincinnati wife-slayer and former millionaire boot-logger, rests with Dr. W. H. Vorbau (above), superintendent of the Lima, O., State Hospital for the Insane. Dr. Vorbau, widely known psychiatrist, has the sole authority to free Romus should he be found sane, following the tests which Romus has been taking.



Mr. Hans Tiefenbacher being led in by Mrs. Tiefenbacher after having won the Beef Stakes, riding Sadko, at the Paper Hunt Races.



The detachments of Belgian and French infantry marching in the funeral procession. (Times copyright).



The Burial-place of the Haig Family in St. Mary's Aisle, Dryburgh Abbey, which is within a short distance of Bemeyside. The Abbey was founded in 1150. The tomb of Sir Walter Scott and members of the family adjoins the Haig burial-place behind the railings. (Times copyright).

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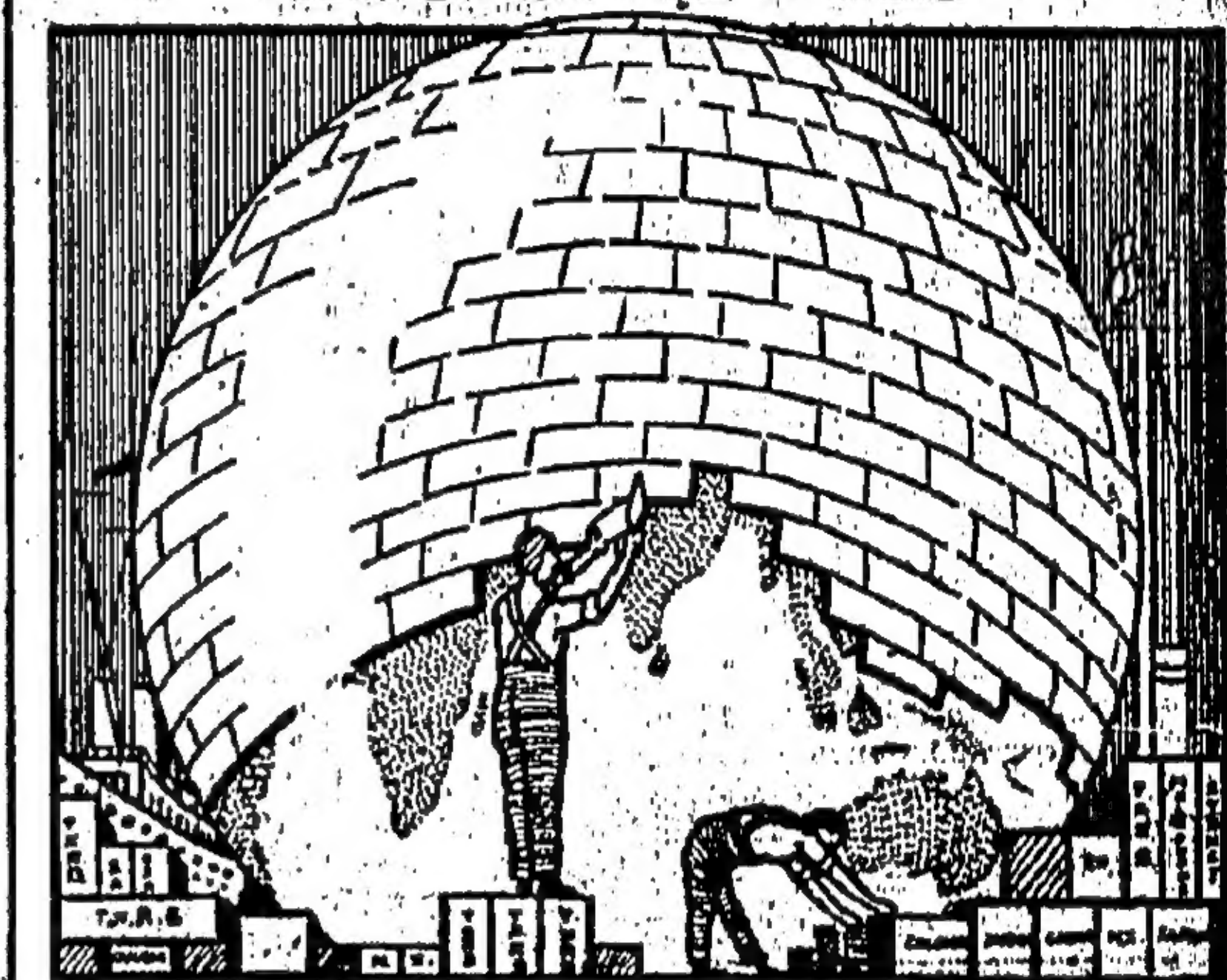
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

The General Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club will take place in the V.R.C. at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, the 20th March, 1928.

C. J. COOKE,
Hon. Sec. V.R.C.

NOTICE.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company beg to announce that Mr. A. L. Thomson, who has been Acting Agent, has been appointed General Agent at Hongkong, effective 7th March, 1928.

FANLING HUNT.

Steeplechases.

EASTER MEETING.

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the **EASTER MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 31st March**, may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

ENTRIES close before **NOON** **WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1928.**

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Office, P. and O. Building, on Friday, 16th March, 1928, at 12 noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON AND CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Under-Signed on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
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The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

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1928-1929.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the R.N. Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1928, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1929.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. J. CHATER,
Surgeon Captain, R.N.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928**, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on **FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928**, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—
"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on **MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928**, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on **MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928**, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

TO-DAY.

the 14th March, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 465, The Peak, Barker Road.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

On View from Tuesday, the 13th March, 1928.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY,

the 15th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,
A Valuable Collection of "Curios" comprising:—
Five Coloured Vases, Blackwood Joss Table, Carved Lacquer Vases, Porcelain Table Service, Crystal Ornaments, Jade Vases and Birds, Ivory Figures, Porcelain Flower Bowls, Plates, Bronze Gongs, Embroidered Mandarin Coats, Valances and Hangings, Chinese Hand Paintings, Lacquered Cupboards, Trunks, etc., etc.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Wednesday, the 14th March, 1928.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on **SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928**, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5.00 each up to **FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928.**

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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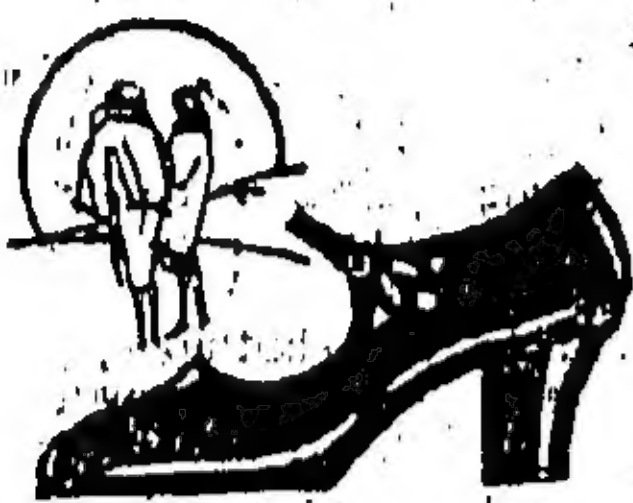
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THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. C. B. Peirham, third engineer, Fongtion, has resigned. Mr. R. Black, sup'y third engineer, Hain Peking, has gone third engineer, Fengtien.

Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer, Chungking has gone second engineer, Kintang. Mr. R. B. Peck, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Chungking.

Mr. A. Lockhart, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, Wessing. Mr. J. F. Wylie, chief engineer, C. N. Co., is on home leave.

Mr. W. Wishart, chief engineer, Shansi has gone sup'y chief engineer, Hain Peking. Mr. K. Logan, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Shansi.

Mr. T. A. Orde, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Sunning.

Mr. J. Cromby, sup'y second engineer, Linan, has gone second engineer, Kalgan. Mr. D. W. Hume, second engineer, Kalgan, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Watson, from shore employment, has gone sup'y third engineer, Taikoo Wan Yi.

Mr. G. S. Arthur, sup'y engineer, Fatsan, has gone chief engineer, Klukiang.

Captain A. Dockwrey, from reserve, has gone master, Fooking. Captain W. A. Balch, of the Fooking, is on reserve.

Mr. L. G. Merry, sup'y second officer, Fausang, has gone sup'y second officer, Fausang, is on home leave.

Mr. R. E. Smith, sup'y second officer, Chaksang, has gone sup'y second officer, Lecanang.

Mr. T. Hughes, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Fooking.

Mr. G. Y. L. Hunter, sup'y second officer, Kwaiang, has gone sup'y second officer, Tuckwo.

Mr. C. McAllister, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kaiping. Shipping and Engineering.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Colours and Styles.

SOME ADVICE BY AN EXPERT.

I generally advise people with dark hair and pale complexion to try and avoid wearing pink, said the modiste. In my opinion, pink is for the fair or for dark people with plenty of colour.

The brighter tones of blue are wisely avoided by those whose dark hair is coupled with brown eyes. They suit brunettes with hazel, grey, or violet eyes, and, of course, Miss Blonde with her blue eyes.

I know green is only popular with a few, she continued, but like the many shades of brown it suits almost anyone; except, perhaps, the woman with very blue eyes. She will be better advised to keep to blues and greys and all the pastel shades.

Grey sometimes presents difficulties, though it suits those who have a fair skin and pink cheeks. Black, on the other hand, is very often more becoming to the pale-complexioned.

Generally speaking, then, the rosy-cheeked and the sunburnt are safe to adopt the richer and darker tones, whether of red, brown, or blue, and to leave the paler shades, including mauve to the fair.

To bring out your colour to advantage it is a good plan to wear a darker shade next to the face. If, for example the brim of a light fawn hat is lined with a warm tone of brown, as some of them were last autumn, it will accentuate the fairness of the skin.

The cut and line of one's garments are other things which make for effect, continued the expert. People who wish to add to their stature should make use of long, straight lines and avoid dresses which are cut up by cross patterns. Lines in a downward direction also give an appearance of slenderness.

Severe and simple styles have this effect too, and with these all the decoration necessary can be supplied nowadays in the gloves, stockings, and shoes which are worn with them.

Your Eyes.

A BEAUTY BLEMISH.

Puffiness around the eyes is generally due either to severe eye-strain or lack of sufficient sleep in young women, and, in the case of older ones, to excess of uric acid in the blood.

An astringent lotion, applied with a small pad of cotton wool, night and morning, will help to reduce the puffiness. Care must be taken never to rub the skin around the eyes, as it is extremely delicate and very easily stretched. Always pat in whatever preparation is used around the eyes, whether it be a cream or a lotion, using the tip of the middle finger for creams and a pad of cotton wool for applying a lotion.

Sponging the eyes and surrounding skin with very cold water will also help in reducing the swollen appearance.

When the trouble is only slight a lotion of tannic acid dissolved in spirit, painted with a fine camel-hair brush over the skin, will often reduce the puffiness.

When the trouble is due to excess of uric acid, a suitable diet is of great importance. The amount of sugar taken should be reduced to the minimum, and very acid foods avoided. Oranges may, however, be taken with advantage.

Spring Fashions.

OF EXCEPTIONAL
ATTRACTIVENESS.

Fashions for spring this year are very interesting. There are many new ideas; important revivals, and adaptations of former styles to suit the taste and requirements of today, and, most significant, there is a fine sense of restraint and proportion evident in the designs by French artists.

The art of the world, the best in line, colour, and fabric, is finding expression in the new models. There are fewer eccentricities, little that is startling, and the general tone of dress in all its phases is one of refinement. There is so much of beauty, of grace, and, in some examples, of distinction, that the whole aspect of Parisian styles this season is one of exceptional attractiveness.

The Silhouette.

THE THREE NEW COLOURS.

The silhouette remains the same. The lines are long and straight, and, except where evening gowns are concerned, flat forms of decoration are in vogue. The pleated skirt for sports and street wear has practically disappeared. And in its place we have the sidepleated or kilted skirt, with pleats usually stitched down from the waist in varying lengths, sometimes to within a few inches of the bottom of the skirt.

There are three new colours which have been created for the coming spring. First, there is the blue, a little darker, and a little more purplish, than what has been known as "nattier" blue, which has been christened by its creator "Blue Marie Claire." Then comes a red, as yet, unnamed, though it is called by some "flamingo," and by others

A Beautiful English Girl.



Pictured to-day is the Hon. Joan Yarde Buller, one of the four charming daughters of Lord and Lady Churston, whose home is at Lupton, Brixham, Devonshire.

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The cut of the new creations is most intricate; the straight silhouette is only apparent. Pleatings, panels, and flaring sections conceal the existence of fulcrums.

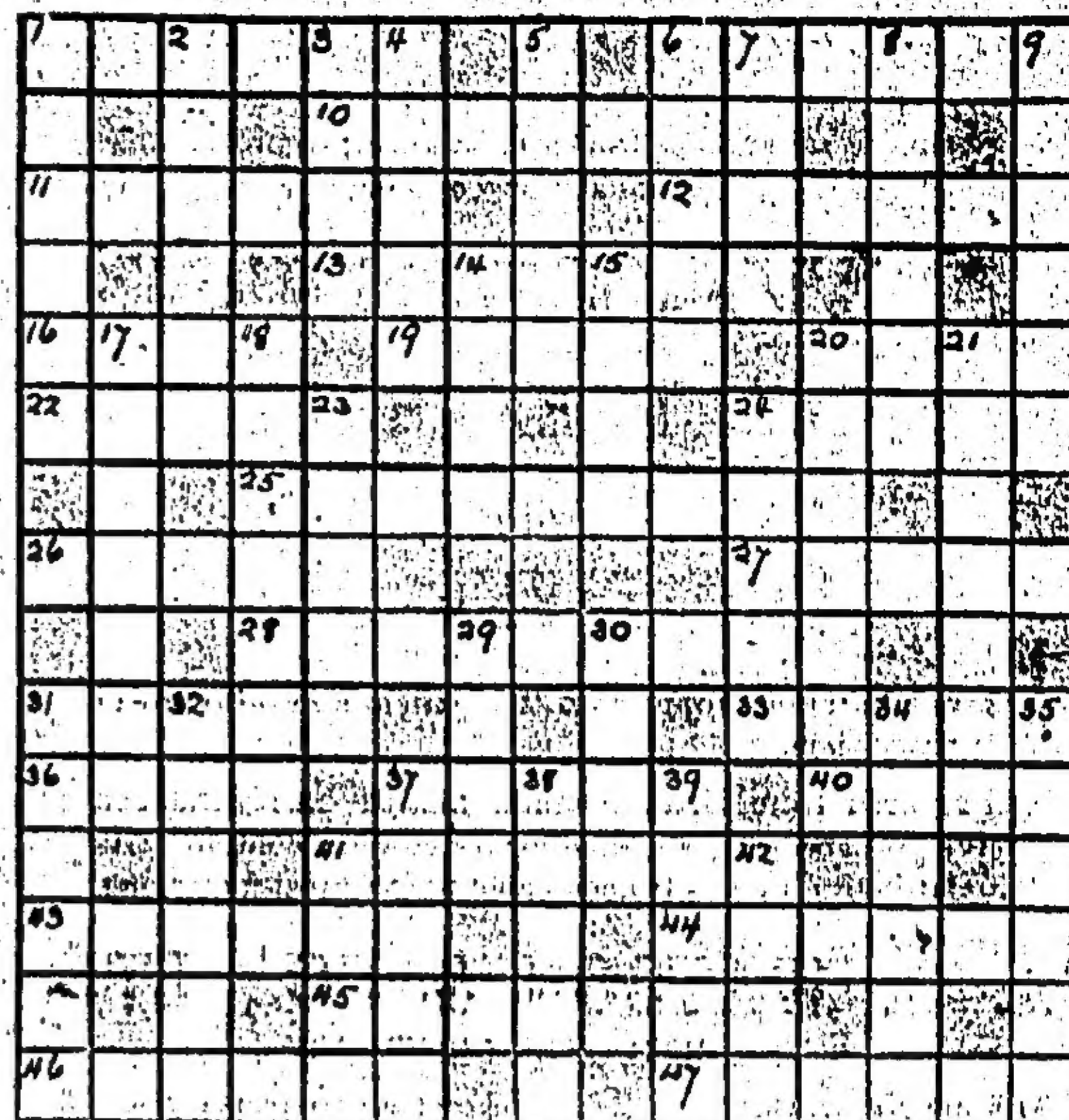
The silhouette for spring is like a woman who conceals her plumpness by clever corseting; there is plenty of fullness, but the effect is undeniably straight. The one-piece frock leads.

Draperies, swathed to one side, may be seen in many evening models. The dip at the back is a new fashion point. It certainly looks odd, but it is a delightful style, for all that, and promises to be adopted by women known for their elegance.

"capucines." This is a light, yellowish-red, which is being used for every sort of costume, from sports coats to evening gowns. Then there is the new green, this far without a name, which is a cross between Chantrelle and jade. This is used a great deal for sports costumes.

Millinery Trimmings. Trimming and decoration will be fashionable in millinery, and among these we shall see the applique flower. The feather, and the popular stone and metal ornaments, which are this season even more elaborate than usual. Very large, summery hats will be trimmed with gorgeous splashes of flowers. Pink forget-me-nots, and blue forget-me-nots seem to be first favourites, and roses, marigolds and mimosa will be greatly used.

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- 6 Drooped.
- 10 Betrayer.
- 11 Kind of sofa.
- 12 Small stream.
- 13 Small marble cube.
- 16 Told untruths.
- 19 Abounding with seeds.
- 20 Whirring noise.
- 22 Sea-sargis.
- 24 Mixture of snow and rain.
- 25 Resembling the teeth of a comb.
- 26 Under-teacher.
- 28 Classes.
- 31 Orders.
- 33 Barm.
- 36 Amongst.
- 37 Blaze away.
- 40 Ruminant quadruped.
- 41 Needs.
- 43 Ensnare.
- 44 Principal parts.
- 45 Stuck together.
- 46 Ape.
- 47 Cure.

Down.

- 1 Fusible.
- 2 Bad.
- 3 Let it stand.
- 4 Woody plants.
- 5 Wash.
- 6 Repentant.
- 7 Musical air.
- 8 Outdoor male servant.
- 9 Distort.
- 14 Dispatched.

- 15 Delightful region.
- 17 Rare metal of whitish colour.
- 18 Dethroned.
- 20 Highly favoured.
- 21 Free.
- 23 Paving stones.
- 24 Examine.
- 29 Tidings.
- 30 Slightly open.
- 31 Intensely radioactive element.
- 32 Hearken.
- 34 Combine with air.
- 35 Pertaining to tresses.
- 37 Indian native soldier.
- 38 Species of duck.
- 39 Turns on a fulcrum.
- 41 Small river fish.
- 42 Margin.

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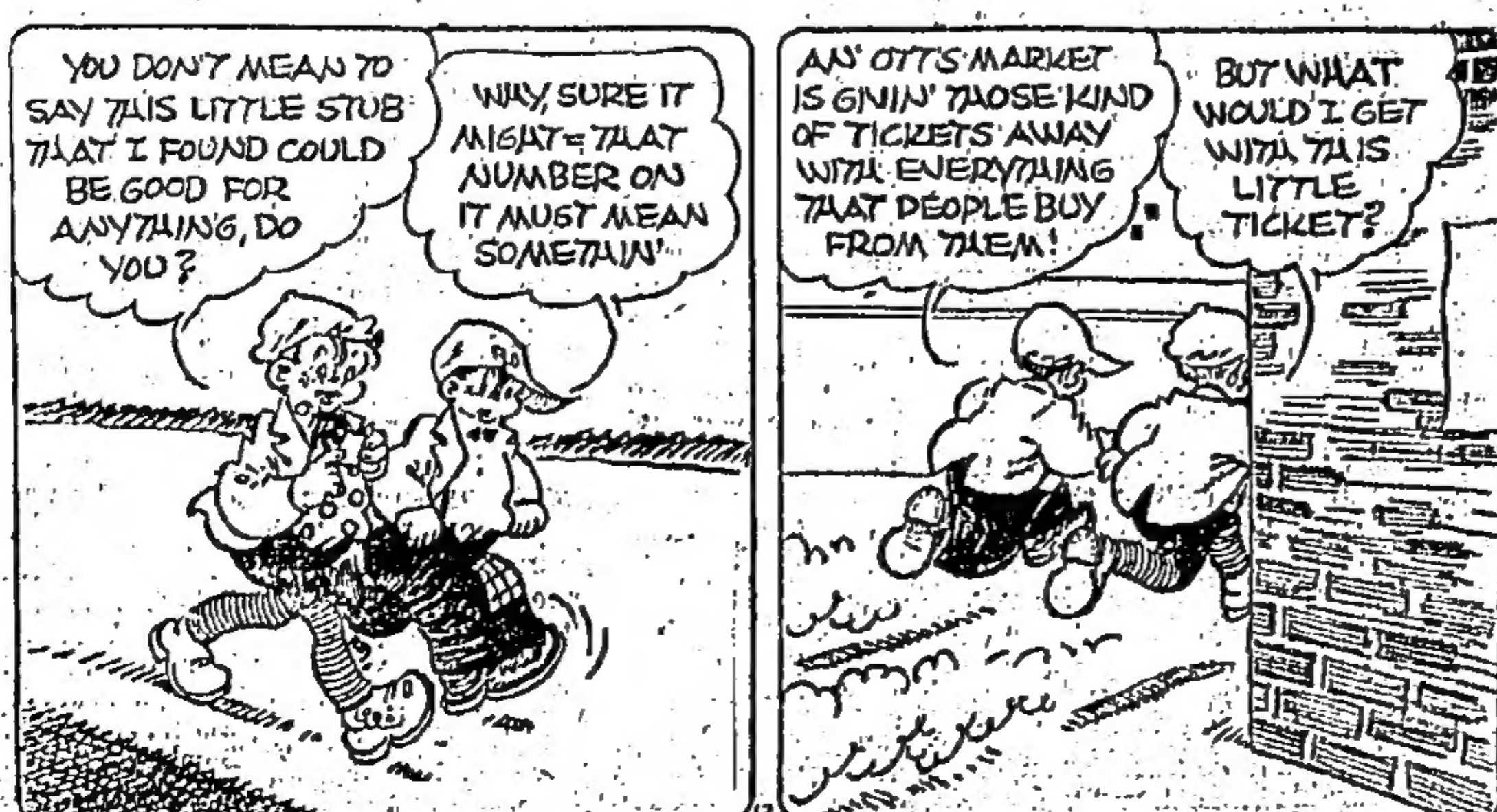
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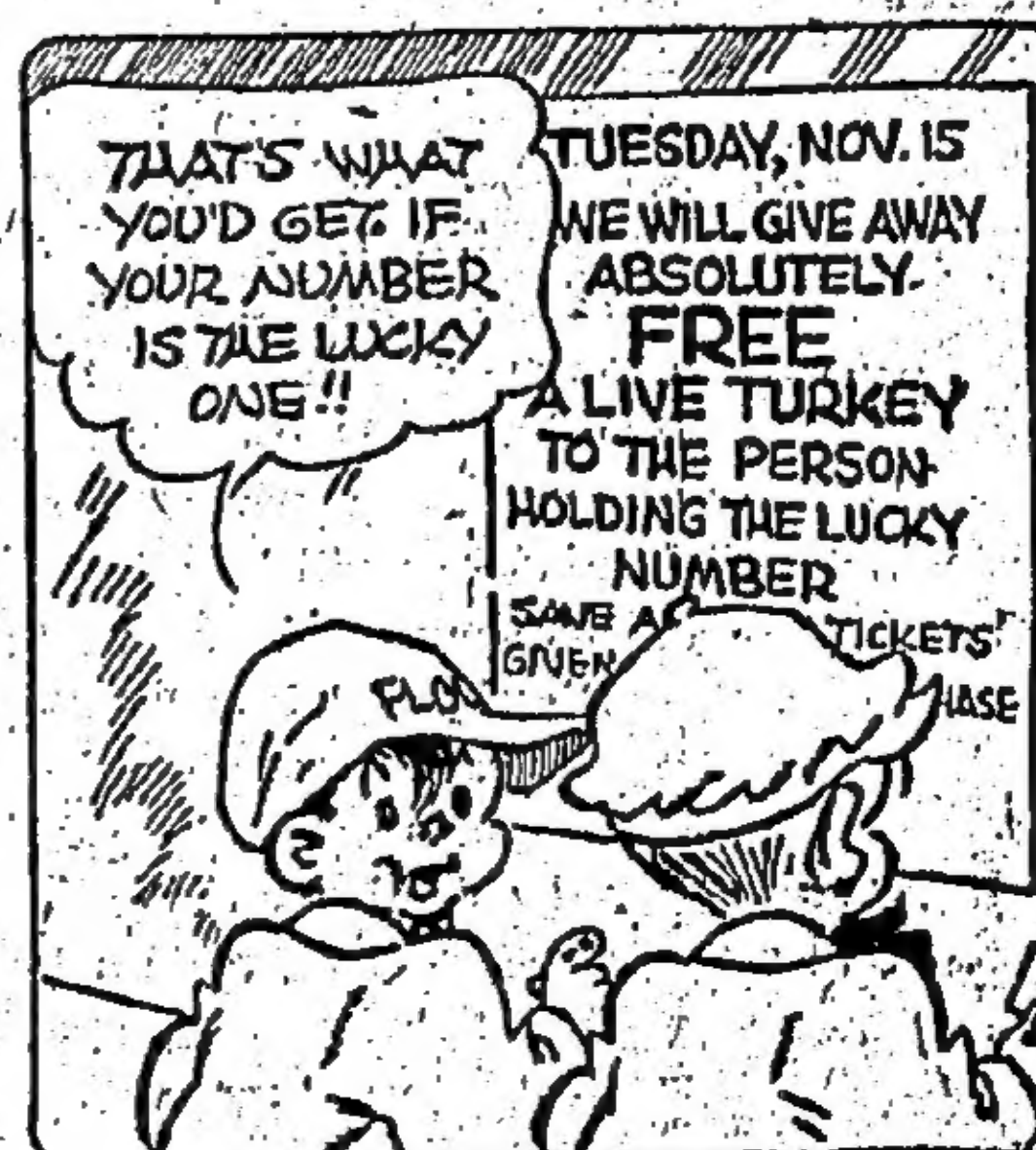
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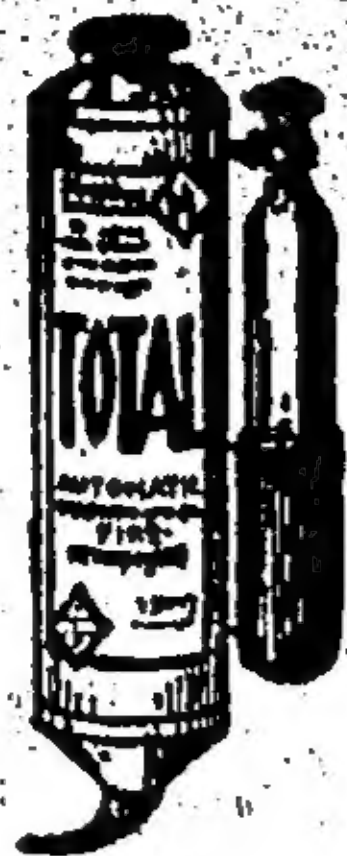
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ANNIHILATING TIME.

No suggestion of an apology for seeking increased appropriations appeared in Sir Samuel Hoare's address on the Air Estimates in the House of Commons; on the other hand, quite a distinct note of pride was to be detected. In a few words, Sir Samuel is exceptionally pleased with what has been done and is keenly optimistic regarding the future; that is, presuming the Air Ministry is permitted to continue its present progressive policy. That our experts have the vision to realise the possibilities which lie so close before us, and are preparing at an amazingly rapid pace to reduce relatively the dimensions of the universe, particularly as regards the communications of the Empire, is clear, and its extent in the minds of aeronautical authorities was rendered more appreciable by Sir Samuel's comprehensive survey. It is scarcely necessary to dilate upon the immense advantages to the political and economic development of not only the British Empire, but to any part of the world, which would be the natural accompaniment to the establishment of adequate air systems. Britain is going ahead rapidly. By the end of this year, India will be within seven days of London; and a weekly mail service will be maintained by that wonderfully successful concern, the Imperial Airways Company. Two huge airships, designed for the Transatlantic service, sponsored by Commander Burney, and with which the United States is only too willing to co-operate, will complete their flying tests. These giant aircraft, which, Sir Samuel Hoare argues, have immense advantages over the heavier-than-air machine, if they can be proved to be safe, are the result of three years of scientific research. Gliders stronger than in any other aircraft in the world are embodied in their construction, while a new measure of safety will be a feature if the new engine built on the semi-Diesel principle and burning crude oil, proves successful. Messrs. Beardmore claim its ability to develop 650 h.p. and the enthusiasm already shown would indicate that this famous firm has another brilliant achievement to its credit.

When we remember that Mr. A. V. Roe, not a great many years

before the war, was subject to a warrant for his arrest on a charge of attempted suicide by persistent efforts to fly the Channel, then in the course of the past two months to have had demonstrations of the abilities of the light aeroplane in the historic flight of Capt. Bert Hinkler from Croydon to Australia in fifteen days, and have further read the far-reaching plans for the air route to India and the Far East outlined by Lieut. Col. I. A. E. Edwards, the Chief Technical Advisor to the Department of Civil Aviation at the Air Ministry, the annihilation of former ideas of time and space may be regarded as complete. Narrowing the distance, or at least the time factor, between points of the world's compass, now presents itself as an ideal easily attainable, and Britain has proved over and over again that she will not be backward. A commentator recently suggested the paradox that the development of communications was decreasing rather than increasing the knowledge one country had of another. The argument, consisted of the statement that by the necessity of spending weeks or months in the country visited, the traveller of necessity learned its peculiarities, whereas the speed of travel eliminated this. At first glance it is a reasoning apparently difficult to overcome, but taking correspondence as one example, a letter reaching Hongkong in fourteen days would bind the writer closer to the East than he extended over a journey of thirty days. Correspondence forms the world's principal contact, as between countries, and is a consideration long in advance of the value of persons with an intimate knowledge of countries other than their own, particularly as we are prepared to suggest that time combined with the development of communications will ultimately remove many racial differences which now have a detrimental effect on international intercourse.

Strangling Trade.

The report from Canton that two officials of the Chinese Seamen's Union, have been arrested, for alleged extortion of money from merchants, comes very appropriately after the references to illegal imposts on merchandise made by H. E. the Governor of Hongkong at the recent banquet given in his honour by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. With the facts of the case against these two men we are not at the moment concerned; no doubt they will be fully investigated by the Canton authorities. But there cannot be the least shadow of doubt that, whether these particular Union officials are or are not guilty of the offences with which they are being charged, the procedure which they are slated to have followed is all too common at many China ports. We are all acquainted with the almost interminable barriers which have been erected on the waterways and elsewhere by pirates and brigands, who make a fat living by levying tolls on junk and other cargoes. The Seamen's Union, in various ports, have also been extremely active in regularly collecting dues, setting themselves up as though they were duly authorised to levy such imposts. So when we add to the exactions of pirates and brigands, these additional levies by the Unions, to say nothing of utterly illegal imposts enforced by militarists, some idea can be gained of the tremendous burdens which commerce has to bear in China, for the evil extends to most parts of the country. As Sir Cecil Clementi reminded the business men of Canton last Saturday there is a point at which excessive taxation defeats its own ends, even apart from the effect it has on the general cost of living. The wonder is that, with all these obstacles, trade is able to flourish to the extent to which it does. On the other hand, the relief that would be secured by commerce, and the consequent cheapening of the cost of living, if all illegal taxation were to be wiped out, can be realised. This point, we are told, is well appreciated by the Canton authorities, whose efforts in the direction of freeing business from these intolerable imposts will, we are sure, be watched with the utmost sympathy in Hongkong.

DAY BY DAY.

TRUTH IS A STRUCTURE REARED ON THE BATTLE-FIELD OF CONTENTING FORCES.—Dr. Winchell.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The Ben Lins s.s. Bonavon, from Home and Straits ports, is due here on the 19th instant.

The Empress of Asia left Shanghai at 12.30 p.m. yesterday and is due here at noon to-morrow. She sails for Manila at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

A coal coolie was fatally injured yesterday when he accidentally fell into the hold of a lighter whilst at work at Wanchai, off the reclamation.

With twelve previous convictions against him for similar offences, a young Chinese was fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for selling pamphlets without a licence.

Mr. Hugh John Macnamara, M.O., of the Bombay, Burmah Trading Company, who was recently married to Miss Olive Pratice Gray at Rangoon, is spending his honeymoon in Hongkong and Manila.

In connexion with the explosion at Saiwanho, reported yesterday, it is learned that the foki of the Ling Wan Mow Oil Factory, who was seriously injured, died on his way to the Government Civil Hospital. His name, according to a police report, is Yip Nam.

A pantry-boy of the s.s. Sphinx was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with being in possession of a revolver and 50 rounds of ammunition. The defendant, who was represented by Mr. J. T. Pryor, was remanded for one week.

Six coolies on the Tanahita Mooloch Estate in Java last week attacked a planter named Barth, inflicting serious injuries. It is stated that a hand was severed and Barth also sustained wounds in the head. Trouble is said to have arisen on account of Barth having struck coolies.

Three Chinese shoemakers appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of being in possession of a quantity of seditious literature in Woo Sung Street. The defendants were all remanded for a week, for the literature to be fully examined.

A fine of \$2,000 was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a Chinese who was charged with being in possession of 95 tael of raw opium in Shanghai Street. The defendant was said to have been arrested with the opium contained in a bag which he was carrying under his arm.

Twelve months' hard labour and twenty strokes was the sentence imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell today on a Chinese banished who returned to the Colony after having been sent away for a period of ten years last month. The defendant's record showed that he was convicted and imprisoned in 1924 for theft and assault, and since then he has been twice banished.

Following a dispute as to who was entitled to certain "tips," a quarrel arose yesterday between waiters in a restaurant at No. 237, Queen's Road West, as a consequence of which one man was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital with a stab wound on his back, inflicted by a knife. The man who is alleged to have used the knife is now in the custody of the police.

According to a report made to the police by Mr. Lee, of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, of 15, Connaught Road Central, an attaché case containing a volt reading meter and some tools, valued at \$85, were stolen yesterday. Mr. Lee left the attaché case on a counter at Sincere's store whilst shopping there and after examining some articles, Mr. Lee turned to find that the case had been stolen.

In our introductory paragraph to the official statement issued by the Hongkong Observatory regarding the recording of last Saturday's earthquake, we made two technical errors whilst seeking to summarise the communique for popular understanding. The Director of the Observatory, Mr. T. F. Claxton, writing to correct these, states: "It was not stated in my note that the earthquake was the most severe ever recorded by the Hongkong Seismographs or that the vibrations at the most severe stage of the disturbance lasted for nearly half a minute." The time of vibration referred to in the note was of course the time of vibration of the pendulum; or, in other words, the time interval between the crests of the earthquake waves, not the duration of the disturbance.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

EARL GRANVILLE APPOINTED TO BRUSSELS.

London, Mar. 13. The King has approved the appointment of Earl Granville, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at The Hague, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Brussels and Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Luxembourg.—British Wireless.

[Earl Granville, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., who is 66, has been Minister at The Hague since 1920, having formerly served in the Diplomatic Service in Berlin, Cairo, Athens, Vienna, Paris, Copenhagen and Brussels, while he also spent some time in the Foreign Office.]

To Copenhagen.

The King has also approved the appointment of Sir Thomas Holter, K.C.M.G., until recently Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Santiago de Chile, in a similar capacity at Copenhagen.—British Wireless. [Sir Thomas spent over thirteen years in the early days of his diplomatic career in the Near East, serving at Cairo and Constantinople in different capacities. He went to Tokyo in 1901, but returned to Cairo in 1906. In 1908, he was sent to Mexico as head of the Legation, and during the War was Counselor of the Embassy at Washington. Sir Thomas Holter was given many prominent appointments in Eastern Europe after the war, but was appointed to Santiago de Chile in 1924 after completing a special Mission to Mexico.]

CANTON MINT BEING REORGANISED.

HOPE OF SOON RESUMING OUTPUT.

It is reported that the Canton Government has decided to resume the work of the Canton Mint at an early date, in which connexion mechanics are busily engaged on the machinery. If unhindered by other factors, it is believed that the mint will be restored to its normal output within six months. To place the Mint in proper working order, it is said that the Government will have to spend a sum of \$500,000.

At a meeting of native bankers in Macao on Sunday, it was resolved that henceforth the native banks will not accept the twenty-cent silver coins which are products of the Kwangtung mint of 1924. However, when the bankers made known their decision to the people of Macao on Monday, there arose much complaint, stating a vernacular report. It is said that the bankers will hold another meeting to-day, following the people's complaint and may cancel their resolution of Sunday.

NEW CONFIDENCE TRICK.

WIDOW VICTIMISED BY CLEVER WOMAN.

A curious story of the theft of a diamond ring was related to the police yesterday.

Wong Shiu, a widow, of No. 2, Wellington Street, told them she took three rings to pawn and while inside the shop, a Chinese woman got into conversation.

The stranger explained she wished to buy jewellery which had not been redeemed. The widow showed her the rings which she was about to pawn, and after examining them, the alleged confidence trickster said she would like to purchase one. A price of \$600 was agreed upon. The rings were handed back and the unknown woman left "to consult her relatives" about the purchase.

When she had gone, the widow examined the rings which she thought had been handed back to her and found, to her dismay, that she held only two rings.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 13.
Paris	124
Brussels	125
Amsterdam	121.25
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.22
Vienna	34.645
Helsingfors	193.8
Lisbon	239.16
Bucharest	730
Buenos Aires	47.25/2
Shanghai	2.08
Yokohama	1.11/16
New York	43.27/28
Geneva	55.04
Milan	92.85
Stockholm	18.75
Oslo	18.32
Prague	164.4
Madrid	20.025
Athens	279.4
Rio	1.53/82
Bombay	2.07 1/2
Hongkong	23.7/16
Barrow (spot)	28 1/2
Silver (forward)	28 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

First Member of loan society to Second Member—"I want to borrow \$50. Will you stand security for me?"

Second Member—"I don't much fancy the risk." First Member—"I'd do the same for you any time, old chap."

Second Member—"All right, old man. I'll borrow the money and you shall go security for me. Then I'll hand the cash over to you."

First Member—"But then I shall be security for my own loan!"

Second Member—"Well, who better?"

Said Tommy Beecham, music's friend,

"This opera's no opera, I'll have to bring it to an end; In fact, it's got to stopper— I'll have to shut up shopper."

It used to be the money thing For lady fair and opera To go and hear De Reszke sing,

But now they dance (or hopera), And quite neglect the Opera, As sung by Dutch or Wopera.

But now another way I'll seek: I'll just hold out my toppera, And in it twopenny ev'ry week The public they will droppera!"

And it would seem this brainy scheme Will turn out right and proper!

A silent wife figured in a railway carriage comedy which was disclosed at Wood Green Police Court recently; when a man was fined twenty shillings for smoking in a non-smoking carriage.

The prosecution was brought at the instance of a man passenger, who said that when he saw the man smoking he protested, really in the interest of a woman in the carriage who had a baby with her.

The man continued to smoke, and the other man passenger said that he was complaining at Finsbury Park, when he found, much to his surprise, that the woman whose welfare he was championing was the smoker's wife.

She sat in another part of the carriage and said nothing.

Willesden woman, accused of being drunk in charge of a child. Must my baby's name appear in the newspaper, sir?

Man, accused of fighting at Tottenham: I am a peace-loving man, but somebody put a cigarette in my beer.

Solicitor, at Shoreditch: You say your lodger is always swearing. Woman: I believe he is, but he is an Italian, and it is hard to tell.

Tottenham magistrate, to a man accused of drunkenness: Are you guilty or not guilty? Man: I was drunk, thank you.

"H. Marmont and Daughter" is all very well, but how does the customer address such a firm? It cannot be Messrs.; it cannot be Mesdames; is it in the form in which Charles Lamb addressed Mr. Bensusan—"Dear Sir—and Madame"? More and more, in these days of women jurors, do we feel the need of eupenic terms of address.

Whether the "Daughter" stays or goes, there is one business title which no traveller from Liverpool street will ever cease to regret. It read, in unabashed letters, "Anderson, Anderson and Anderson," in which the conjunction had a cumulative force not to be matched by Italics. Of recent years they have got a pursuit in the directorate who averted redundancy, and the name is now something quite modest and commonplace.

The profiteer and his wife had taken rooms in the most expensive hotel. Just as he was about to help himself to lumps of white sugar from the silver bowl, his wife whispered:—

"Don't use your fingers; use the tongs. Haven't you got no sense?"

"All right," he retorted, as he complied with the admonition, "but how I to know the bloomin' stuff was hot!"

In a year's time I believe we shall see the country really prosperous.—Lord Eustace Percy.

No vice of the Church has been more apparent than the glorification of patience.—Bishop Gore.

People are far too inclined to overclothe themselves and shut themselves up for fear they should catch cold.—Professor Leonard Hill.

The tendency of the average American is to ask ten dollars for an article when he will be quite satisfied to take five.—The Hon. H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver.

\$1,000 CONTRACT CLAIM.**LETTER ALLEGED TO BE A FORGERY.****GOVERNMENT DEPOSIT**

A letter stated to have been signed by a man a few days before his death, giving his business to another man, was described as an "obvious forgery" by Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, when an action regarding the recovery of a \$1,000 deposit with the Hongkong Government was heard.

Li Ng, trading as the Chiu On Company, of 1 and 2, Front Row, Tai Hang Village, sued Ng Pui-lam, of 126, Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo. The claim was that on or about November 25th, 1924, the plaintiff deposited the sum of \$1,000 with the Hongkong Government as security for a contract made between the Government and the plaintiff, for which sum a deposit receipt was given to the plaintiff. The money, together with interest, was made returnable to the plaintiff on October 31st, 1927. Prior to November 16th, last year, the deposit receipt was stolen from the plaintiff and the defendant, who had no right or title to it, obtained the money and interest from the Government by virtue of the receipt. The money was claimed as damages, or, alternatively, as money received by the defendant for the plaintiff.

Mr. M. K. Lo was for the plaintiff and the defendant did not appear in Court.

Big Contracts.

Mr. Lo explained that the plaintiff was a well-known contractor and had put through some very large transactions. He had had extensive contracts with the Hongkong Government, and was the sole proprietor of a firm under his own name. He had also put through drainage contracts in Canton for \$600,000 and contracts for two railways in Chinese territory, one for \$300,000 and another for a million dollars.

He was, apparently, an illiterate man and about the only thing he could do was to recognise the Chinese characters of his own name. He did not write and did not know English.

There was a man named Tsang Chiu, continued Mr. Lo, who was the father-in-law of the plaintiff's third son. It appeared that Tsang was about to enter into a contract with the Government in 1924, but he had to deposit \$1,000 with the Government as security. He asked the plaintiff to loan him that amount, which the plaintiff did, and by these means Tsang was able to complete his contract with the Government.

Almost immediately afterwards, Tsang realised that he would not be able to carry out that contract, because he had no capital, so it was arranged that the plaintiff should take over the whole of the contract. In other words, he became the virtual owner of the contract and also probably of the firm name, the Chiu On Company. That was done by a verbal agreement, under which Tsang was responsible for the work and the plaintiff was responsible for the money. The plaintiff would receive all the profits, of which he would give five per cent. to Tsang. Mr. Lo continued that the plaintiff took an active part in the management of the business from the beginning, while Tsang gave receipts to the Government.

Deposit Receipt Missing.

About two years ago, Tsang died, but two days before his death he signed a letter to the Government saying that he had handed over the management of the business to the plaintiff. He apparently knew the Colonial Treasurer personally and interviewed him with regard to the letter, money due under the contract was paid to the plaintiff, who assumed that the receipt for the deposit would be among Tsang's papers, but when the time arrived to claim the return, about November 10th last year, he found it was missing. That was some 18 months after Tsang's death.

The plaintiff gave evidence with regard to the loan of \$1,000 to Tsang and the arrangement they arrived at afterwards.

"Man of Straw."

His Lordship remarked that it seemed to be a contract in which the Government was dealing with a "man of straw." If any dispute arose on the contract, the Government would find they were dealing with some one who was not substantial at all.

Mr. Lo said he thought that was what the Government wanted a deposit of \$1,000.

His Lordship:—The Government would find that they were dealing

RUBBER FACTORY BLAZE.**SECOND OUTBREAK IN FOUR DAYS.**

The second rubber factory to be destroyed by fire on Singapore Island within four days was burnt down at the ninth mile, Tampenis Road, on Monday, the 6th instant. The factory was owned by Seah Yang Theng, but it was leased to Brinkmann and Co. Two hundred tons of rubber, valued at roughly \$250,000, were in the factory at the time, and this was the property of Brinkmann and Co.

The fire broke out at about 11.30—the cause is not known—and lasted for about three hours. The entire factory was gutted, together with eight milling machines and two motorcars which were on the premises.

with a contractor who was not substantial.

Mr. Lo replied that he thought in law the plaintiff would be a partner.

Mr. Lo (to plaintiff):—If, under the contract, a loss was incurred, who would bear the loss?

Plaintiff:—I would bear the loss.

In answer to another question, plaintiff said that he was entitled to get back the \$1,000 deposit.

His Lordship remarked that his view of the case was that at the time of the deposit Tsang was the Chiu On Co. and the only persons who could get the money were the personal representatives of the Chiu On Company firm.

Replying to Mr. Lo, plaintiff said the Chiu On Co. was in existence after Tsang died, until the contract was finished, and just before his death Tsang gave the business to him (plaintiff).

Forged Letter.

His Lordship remarked, referring to the letter in which Tsang gave the business to the plaintiff, that it was an obvious forgery. The date was February 6th, 1926, and plaintiff had stated that Tsang signed the letter a few days before he died, but he died on the early morning of February 6th.

Mr. Lo suggested that his Lordship was really basing that finding on an instance of memory as to when Tsang died.

When that point was put to the plaintiff, he replied that he could only say that Tsang signed it a few days before his death.

Continuing, plaintiff said that after Tsang's death he (plaintiff) completed the contract for the Government. All money was paid by the Government to him. He signed his own name and also put a chop on documents.

His Lordship:—It seems to me that this man's only cause of action is against a personal representative of the Chiu On Company.

Mr. Lo argued that the plaintiff would have a better title to the money than an absolute stranger.

His Lordship, referring to the letter, again said it was an obvious forgery.

Mr. Lo:—It was actually acted upon by the P. W. D.

His Lordship:—Maybe. The P. W. D. have paid this man at their own risk. It doesn't concern me.

Mr. Lo:—The plaintiff certainly did the work for the Government after Tsang's death.

His Lordship:—He worked all through. Tsang was the figurehead.

Remarking that the point was rather curious, his Lordship added that he considered the original contract died with the original contractor, Tsang.

Mr. Lo submitted that that was wrong in law, saying that if the contract was not finished, the Government would have a right of action against somebody to complete it.

No Right of Action.

His Lordship:—There is no right of action against this man (defendant) at any time.

Mr. Lo replied that the plaintiff, regularly or irregularly, was the person in charge from the time of Tsang's death until the present time. As such, he would be entitled to claim against another person for taking away money belonging to the business, because he would have a prior right over an absolute stranger.

Questioned by Mr. Lo with regard to the defendant, plaintiff said he did not know the man and had had nothing to do with him regarding the contract.

Mr. Lo:—Had he any right to get the deposit of \$1,000 from the Government?

Plaintiff:—I don't know what rights he had.

One of the application of Mr. Lo, his Lordship adjourned the case until March 24th, in chambers, for the matter to be further considered.

PUBLIC MONEY VOTES.**OVER \$34,000 TO BE ASKED FOR.****CANTON AND JAPANESE SQUADRON VISITS.****PIRACY PATROL VOTE.**

Five votes, totalling \$34,985, are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon.

The biggest of these is one of \$12,000 in connexion with the official visits of H.E. the Governor to Canton and of the Japanese Naval Squadron to Hongkong. Of the other sums, one for \$7,500 is a contribution towards the cost of the West River piracy patrol, it being decided, on representations by the Admiralty, to increase the contribution of £300 monthly to a sum equal to half the hiring and operating costs of the three launches.

The various sums to be asked for are as follows:

Path Completion.

\$9,255 under Public Works Extraordinary, for path from Ta Ku Ling to Lin Ma Hing to complete work in progress.

It was anticipated that \$13,000 would be required in 1927, but owing to unforeseen delays only \$3,745.58 was expended. Only \$2,000 was included in this year's estimates as it was considered that the work would be practically completed in 1927. The sum now asked for is a reserve.

Lady Stenographer.

\$1,850 for Attorney General, personal emoluments, salary for a stenographer.

It is explained that a lady stenographer has been engaged as from March 1st to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of the Attorney General's clerk. Such appointments are not provided for in the Junior Clerical Service Vote and it therefore becomes necessary to ask for a supplementary vote to cover salary for the current year (first three months at \$150 and remaining seven months at \$200).

Railway Quarters Roofing.

\$4,330 for Kowloon-Canton Railway, new asbestos sheet roofing to railway quarters.

The European railway quarters, Blocks A & B, at Hung Hom are roofed with French tiles which, however, have proved unsuitable to withstand the weather conditions experienced in this Colony when situated in exposed positions. Sanction was obtained in November last to re-roof these buildings with asbestos sheeting at an estimated cost of \$6,450 which will be reduced to \$4,330 when the French tiles are removed from the existing roofs and returned to store. The asbestos sheeting ordered at the end of last year has now been delivered and as there is no provision in the current Estimates for this work a Special Vote is required to enable the work to be carried out before the wet season sets in.

Piracy Patrol Cost.

\$7,500 for Miscellaneous Service, contribution towards cost of three armed launches.

It is explained that provision has been made under head 34 sub-head 4 sub-head 6 for a monthly payment of £300 for the three armed launches on the West River piracy patrol. The Admiralty have requested that this Government should bear a larger proportion of the cost and it is proposed to increase the contribution to a sum equal to half the hiring and operating costs of the three launches excluding personnel.

It is estimated that this will entail an excess expenditure of \$7,500 during the year and a supplementary vote for that amount is accordingly requested.

Official Visits.

\$12,000, for Miscellaneous Services, entertainment of foreign officials and forces.

No vote appears in the Estimates to cover expenditure connected with the ceremonial entertainment of foreign dignitaries and visitors and forces, and of official return visits. A supplementary vote of \$12,000 is requested in connexion with the official visits of His Excellency the Governor to Canton and of the Japanese Navy to Hongkong.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and 20 departures, with French returning the highest number of arrivals and British and Japanese level departures. Tonnage was heavy, with freights comparatively low, but although there were only eight through registered, the majority of these were heavy. All vessels carried cargo, the highest return of the day being British from the north. French, Norwegian and Japanese shared the other heavy returns. There remained in harbour, 76 vessels at 9 a.m. of which 25 were British.

TEA TRADE MARK CASE.**PROSECUTION OF DEALERS FAILS.**

The Hop Cheung firm, of No. 166, Wing Lok Street, was summoned before Mr. R.E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, in respect of alleged possession of goods to which false trade marks had been applied.

The summons was amended from an original one of manufacturing false trade marks and applying these to certain packages of tea figuring in the export business of the firm. His Worship, in making the amendment, remarked that the charge of making false labels was not proved.

For the complainants, who were the Yuen Shui Pun of 112 Jervois Street, Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that the brand of tea involved was a well-known one in which his clients had dealt since 1906. There had been many complaints of misapplication of the trade marks for this brand.

Defendants now pleaded that they took delivery of the packages from a travelling trader on being given to understand that the tea was a new brand put on the market by a supposedly new firm called the Cheong Lee firm, of Canton. They also pleaded that they had left the cases intact as they had received them, and that they had not considered it necessary to open these, as the cases would be merely forwarded on in transhipment. It was explained that the defendant firm was in the Java exporting business.

His Worship:—It would appear that the defendant was able to discharge the onus thrown on him.

Later, his Worship said that defendant had given a good defence on that point, and Mr. d'Almada replied that so long as the goods in respect of which the present complaint was made, were confiscated he was perfectly satisfied.

His Worship, addressing defendant, said it appeared that an offence had been committed, but not by the defendant.

In making an order for the confiscation of the goods, his Worship directed that these be turned over to the complainants.

PASSENGER'S MONEY STOLEN.**HAWKER FINED AT THE MARINE COURT.**

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. Newell, D.S.O., N.R., Wu Cho, an unlicensed hawker, of Canton Road, was charged with boarding the s.s. President Grant without the permission of the commanding officer, and pleaded guilty.

Inspector Brown, in charge of the case, stated that the accused had boarded the vessel with razors and miscellaneous gear for sale. A Filipino passenger had tendered a \$20 bill for goods and a man, who was thought to be a confederate of the accused, snatched the money and decamped. A search by the police resulted in the arrest of Wu Cho, but the man who had actually stolen the money could not be found. The victim of the robbery could not be called, as the ship had sailed. A sentence of one month's hard labour was indicated.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What famous scientist and Nobel prizeman recently died? For what work is he best known?
- 2 What other eminent scientist owed much to his researches?
- 3 What new appointment has been accepted by Lord Strathmore? Whom does he succeed?
- 4 What scientific exhibit is being sent from America to the Science Museum, South Kensington?
- 5 In Mohammedan belief what are "houri"?
- 6 Name the authors and titles of the poems from which the following lines are taken: "Queen rose of the rose-bud garden of girls"; "You're a pore handlighted 'eather, but a first-class fighter' man"; "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"
- 7 What German was Court painter to Henry VIII. and drew the famous "Dance of Death"?
- 8 State the origin of a Marathon race.
- 9 To what class of music do all the following belong: The Barber of Seville; Sanson and Delilah; Faust; The Merry Widow? Name their composers.
- 10 Where is practically all the world's anthracite mined?
- 11 How should a large collection of the following be defined: Part-ridges; peacocks; wolves; elephants; bees?
- 12 With which poet is the name of Fanny Brice associated?
- 13 Name the greatest stadium of ancient or modern times.

RECENT YANGTZE COLLISION.**JAPANESE AND CHINESE FAIL TO AGREE.****SHANGHAI DEADLOCK.**

Although lengthy attempts at negotiation have been in progress between the Japanese representatives of the D.K.F. str. Atsuta Maru and the Chinese owners of the ill-fated Hsin Tah Ming, which went down in the Yangtze River off Beaver Island, with the loss of some 300 lives, after colliding with the Atsuta, on the night of February 18, no decision has yet been arrived at, according to information available in Shanghai. It is understood that documents have been drawn up by both the interested parties, specifying their demands and both disclaiming responsibility for the collision.

Mr. Stirling Fossenden, Chairman of the Municipal Council and Mr. William P. Hunt, in charge of the local office of the U.S. Shipping Board, have been approached by the Chinese to act as arbitrators in the matter, but this action on the part of the Chinese representing the Hsin Tah Ming has been declined, as the Japanese parties to the negotiation as "premature."

A representative from Tokyo of the Japanese shipping interests concerned, has arrived in Shanghai in the person of Captain B. Nishino, who is also taking part in the attempts at negotiation. Exactly what the Chinese demands are, as the result of the catastrophe, cannot be ascertained, but the chief hitch in negotiations seems to lie in the fact that both Chinese and Japanese claim no responsibility for the incidents which led to the sinking of the ship.

Mr. S. Araki, of the marine surveying firm Doi, Araki & Watanabe, is acting in the capacity of negotiator, in the matter, owing to friendship with the two shipping companies' officials, and it is understood that, although official correspondence is passing through the Japanese Consulate, the Consulate is not acting officially in the matter, but is leaving the negotiations to the shipping officials in question, failing which it is stated, other methods may be employed.

TRIANGULAR SHOOT.**SCOTTISH COMPANY ORDERS.**

The triangular shoot between 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B., and the Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C., kindly arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer, is to take place at Stonecutters on Sunday.

The Scottish Company team will be:—Sergeant Cuthill, Sergeant Young, L/Sergeant Goodman, Corporal D. Lyon, Privates Stopani-Thomson, McLennan, Maxwell and Boulton. Reserve:—Piper G. Nisbet.

A launch is to leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

The dress for the competitors will be Glenferry, khaki tunic, kilts, sporran, diced hose, flashes, spats, belt, frog, braces and pouches. The dress for visitors will be uniform as above (with belt, frog and bayonet only) or mull, optional.

Arms will be drawn from the Corps Headquarters on Friday between 9 a.m. and noon or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m., or on Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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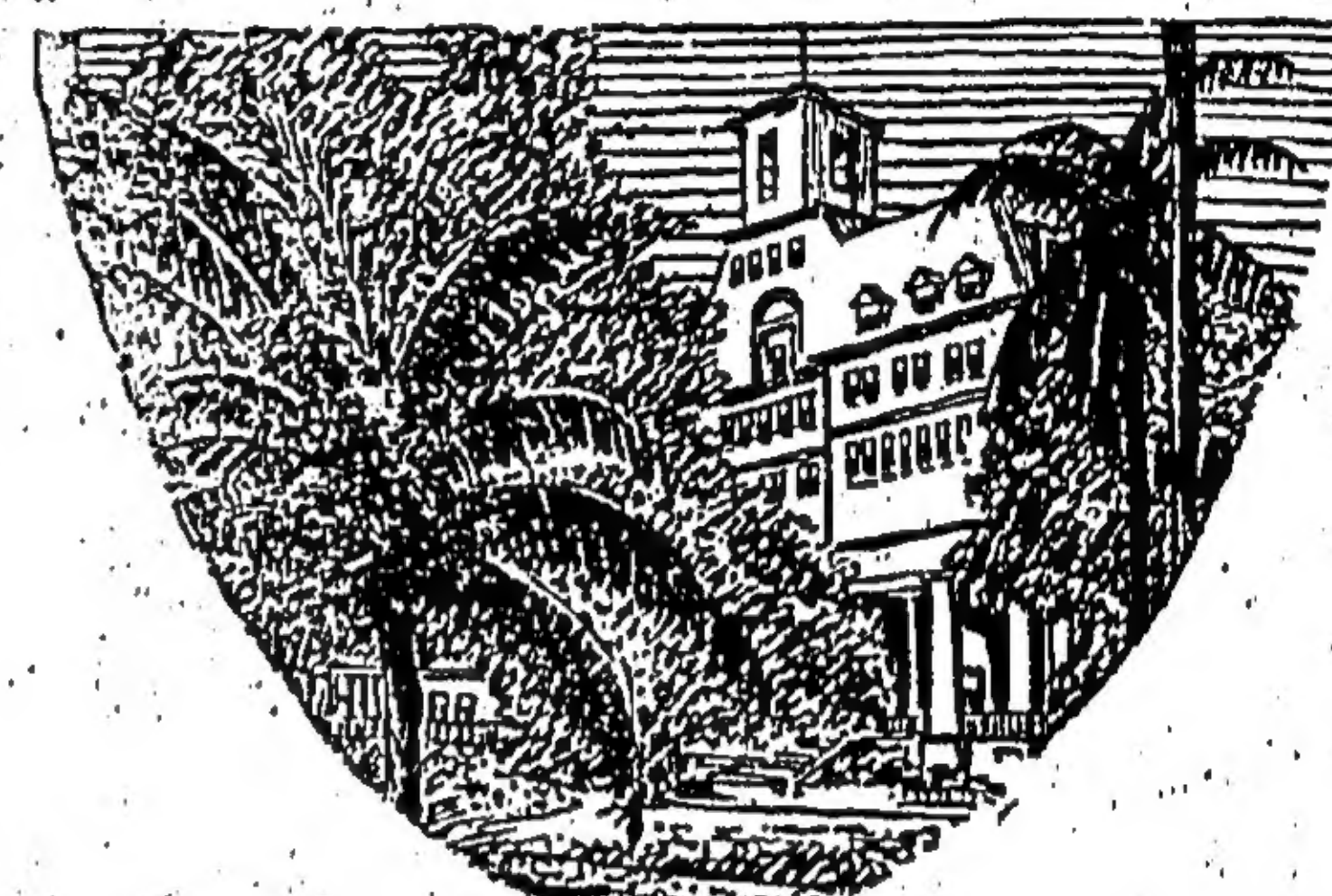
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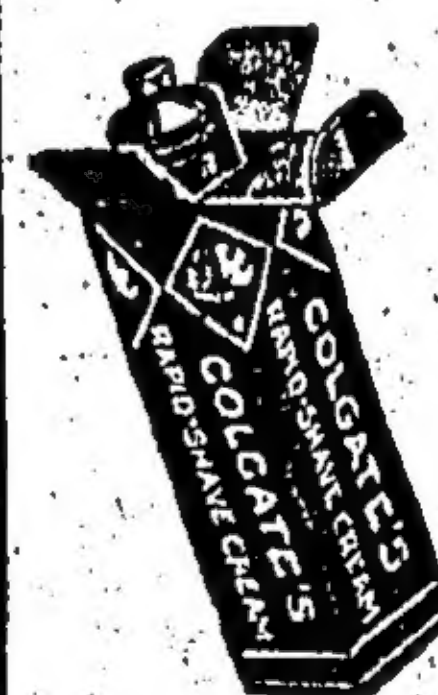
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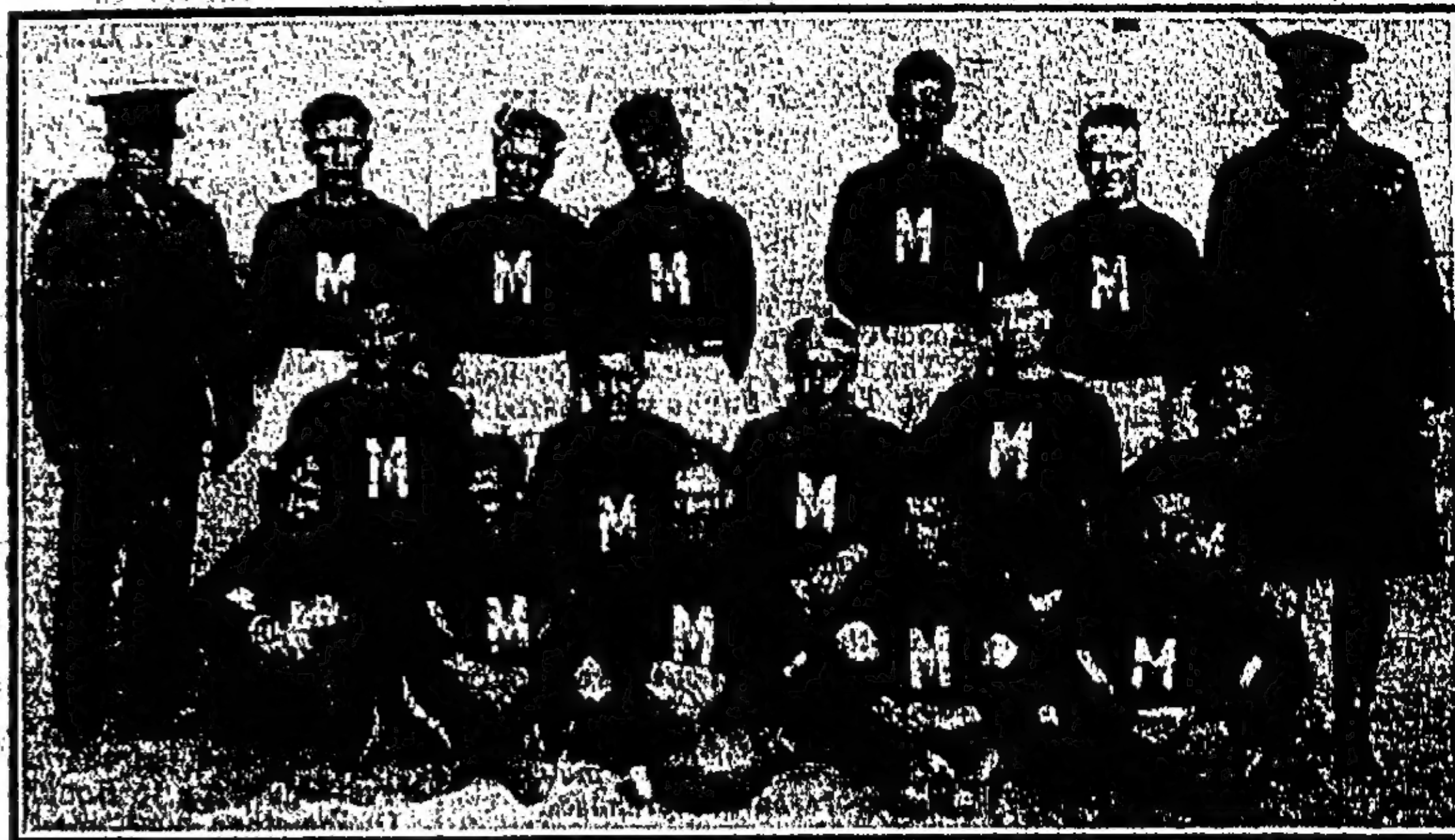
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MARINE RUGBY FIFTEEN VISIT SHANGHAI



The Rugby fifteen from the Third Brigade, U. S. Marine Corps, in Tientsin, who are in Shanghai for a series of matches. This team has defeated most of the teams in the North and their visit was looked forward to keenly by local Rugby enthusiasts. From left to right they are (back row): Sgt. Patrie (assistant coach); Cogsdall, Burke, Townsley, Hughes, Williby, Lieut. Liversedge, (coach); (second row) Triggs, Costello, Woody, Campbell, Warger; (front row) Kirby, Stanelly, Zimmerman, Wingo, Billins.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 17th.

DIVISION I.		
Bury	v	Wednesday.
Derby	v	Huddersfield.
Leicester	v	Everton.
West Ham	v	Tottenham.

DIVISION II.		
Barnsley	v	West Brom. A.
Swansea	v	Chelsea.

DIVISION III.		
Coventry	v	Brighton.
Watford	v	Millwall.
Walsall	v	Northants.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.		
Bo'ness	v	Aberdeen.
Hibernians	v	Rangers.
Dunfermline	v	Clyde.

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No. 29. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

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Coventry	v	Brighton.
Watford	v	Millwall.
Walsall	v	Northants.
Bo'ness	v	Aberdeen.
Hibernians	v	Rangers.
Dunfermline	v	Clyde.

An Indian Mutiny veteran, Sergeant Major James Keys, of Worthing, has died at Worthing at the age of 92.

"STELLA DALLAS."

POWERFUL FILM AT THE WORLD THEATRE.

The whole of the current programme at the World Theatre is occupied by the showing of "Stella Dallas," which we can unhesitatingly describe as one of the finest films ever shown at this theatre. It is the story of a young Society man (Stephen Dallas) who is forced by his father's suicide, following a business scandal, to go out into the world to work, where he falls in love with and marries a beautiful but blantly "common" girl (Stella Martin), who is much below him in social rank. They have a child, but Stephen, nauseated with his wife's low tastes and her amours with Ed. Munn, a flashy riding-master, eventually leaves her and the child and, in another city, meets his old sweetheart, Helen Morrison, who by this time is a young widow with three sons. The child is still a link between husband and wife, but although Stephen makes one attempt at a reconciliation, the two drift wider apart, with developments which will best be appreciated by witnessing the film.

The film is remarkable as a clever character-study and also for the fine acting of the principals, in which connexion a high tribute must be paid to Belle Bennett and Jean Hersholt in the respective parts of Stella Dallas and Ed. Munn. They have extremely difficult roles to fill, and they interpret their parts with much success. Ronald Colman as Stephen Dallas and Alice Joyce as Helen Morrison, are also admirable, whilst Lois Moran is very good as the Dallas child.

Although not a new film, "Stella Dallas" is quite above the ordinary picture in merit, even if there will be varying opinions as to the reactions of Stella Dallas and her daughter to the circumstances in which they are placed. As a study of character, it is well worth seeing.

WARM WEATHER PESTS.

"FLIT" WILL KEEP THEM IN CHECK.

With the approach of the warmer season and with the inevitable return of pestiferous mosquitoes, flies and cockroaches, one begins (or perhaps should begin) to take thought of ways and means to lessen the summer evils as much as possible. And in this connexion the makers of that well-known insecticide, "Flit," inaugurate a well-timed publicity campaign in this paper to-day.

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The movement for a reduction of the duty on whiskey in the forthcoming Budget is growing in Scotland. A number of Trade Unions have passed resolutions asking the Government to lower the tax. The home consumption in the last month for which official figures are available showed a decline of 47,700 gallons as a result of the high duty.

INFATUATED GIRL.

ATTEMPTED DOUBLE SUICIDE IN HOTEL.

When Frank Bishop, thirty-one, an insurance agent, of Grove-road, Chatham, and Doris King twenty-two, domestic servant, of Rochdale-road, Tunbridge Wells, appeared on remand at Bow-street Police Court before Mr. Fry charged with attempting to commit suicide together by gas poisoning in a bedroom at the Morley Court Hotel, Adelade-street, Strand, they pleaded guilty.

Divisional Detective-Inspector Steel said that the girl bore an excellent character, and her employer was willing to do what he could to assist her. Bishop was a married man with a wife and two children.

He met the girl while employed as a collector at Tunbridge Wells, and she became infatuated with him. He had been out of employment for about a month, and his wife had been dependent on friends for her support. For the last six months he had been drinking. The couple had only £12d. between them.

Cross-examined, the Inspector said he thought the girl had tried to dissociate herself from the man. The girl's mother was in Court, and on her promising to look after her the magistrate placed the girl on probation. He also ordered her to pay 20s. towards the costs.

The magistrate said he would like a medical report before dealing with the man.

Bishop: There should be one here this morning. If I stay where I am much longer I shall be mad. Half the ward is mad. There is one murderer and two or three others.

On being remanded again Bishop asked if he could see his wife and mother.

Inspector Steel: I don't think his wife will see him. His mother will.

NEW SOVIET POLICY. "MONSTROUS."

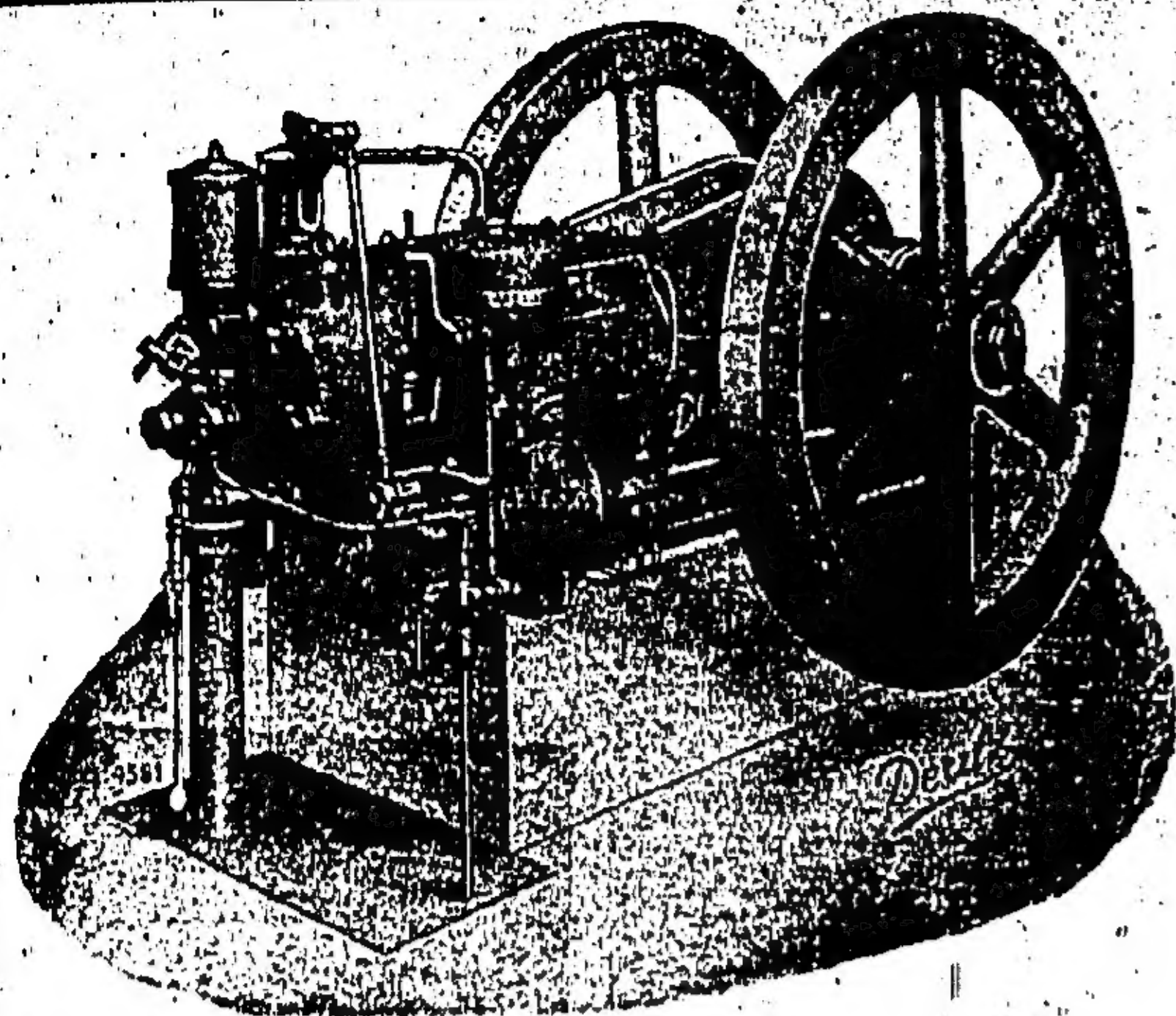
RETURN TO PRIVATE TRADING TO BE MADE.

It is being asked in many quarters whether the victory of Stalin over his opponents heralds a complete change of policy in Soviet Russia. According to information from Warsaw Stalin has decided to reorganise the Foreign Trade Monopoly. Reorganisation is a broad term and capable of many interpretations.

A monopoly of trade generally and foreign trade in particular is the very foundation of the Bolshevik creed; it must therefore be retained in some shape or form. But another important factor in State hold on foreign trade is the strong Nationalist spirit which has grown up among the Russians whether Bolshevik or not. In the eyes of these people a State monopoly is the surest guarantee against foreign and Jewish penetration.

Stalin and his associates are, however, at the parting of the ways. State trading has failed, as it always will, by the simple fact that all the eggs must be in one basket.

In order to save the country from economic ruin, and supply the peasants with their wants, money and expert advice, and management, are necessary. Neither will be forthcoming to support a system doomed to failure. For this purpose there are undoubtedly schemes afoot to encourage both financiers and exporters. These will probably take the form of better security for private enterprise in finance, but not necessarily entailing the ownership of real property in Russia.



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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

BLOOD CIRCULATION DISTURBANCES.

CONTROL POSSIBLE.

There are numerous disturbances of the circulation of the blood in the extremities of the body that give rise to strange symptoms of seriousness and importance.

There are several conditions marked by an excessive fatigue of the muscles of the leg, severe pain in the calves of the legs or in the knees, sudden coldness of parts of the feet, sometimes inflammation and swelling.

Sometimes the changes in the blood vessels that bring about the symptoms are so severe that gangrene takes place and it may be necessary to remove parts or all of the limb concerned.

Vein Inflammation.

In one condition known as thrombo-angitis obliterans there are recurrent inflammations of the veins. More than half of the cases of this type occur in Jewish people and in most instances there are records of previous cases in the same family. In these cases there is not hardening of the arteries, although similar symptoms may follow hardening of the arteries in some cases.

The patients concerned are usually from 55 to 85 years of age, when the disease results from hardening of the arteries, whereas the patients with Buerger's disease are usually from 17 to 50 years of age.

There is another condition of the blood vessels called Raynaud's disease which occurs symmetrically in the hands or feet more often in women, and changes associated with sudden contractions of the blood vessels so that the tissues are not properly supplied with blood.

Recently prominent doctors have examined numerous cases coming in the category of diseases described, with a view to classifying them in some way that would lead to suitable treatment. As will be obvious from the description of the condition, it is difficult frequently even for the best trained physician to recognize the actual cause of the symptoms concerned.

Control is Possible.

In some cases it is possible to control the movements of the blood vessels in case they are not themselves diseased, by operations on the nerve control which causes them to contract unduly.

In other cases in which the contraction of the vessel through nerve control is not the most prominent cause, such an operation would be unnecessary and indeed harmful.

In cases in which there is a general hardening of the blood vessels throughout the body, the nerve control does not, of course, play any considerable part.

The complexity of the situation indicates again how modern scientific medicine attempts to attack disease at its very foundation rather than to control occasional symptoms as they may appear.

BLOCKADE IN WAR.

AMERICAN RIGHTS "AT STAKE."

New York, Feb. 10. Speaking last night at the twenty-fifth anniversary dinner of the Pilgrims of the United States, Dr. Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, put forward a significant suggestion. He said in order to curb the race in naval armaments between Great Britain and the United States the Government of the latter should recognise and respect a blockade imposed on an aggressor nation, provided that it were not directed against a nation in the western hemisphere.

Dr. Butler said that his idea was that the United States should say to Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan: "If you find yourselves under obligation either as members of the League of Nations or Locarno signatories to establish a blockade against an aggressor nation, we shall accept your good faith, and shall ourselves respect the blockade, provided that no such blockade shall be effected against any nation in the western hemisphere."

Big Navy Talk.

In this way, said Dr. Butler, the special interests of both Europe and America would be recognised, and huge naval armaments would become unnecessary. It was the delicate and dangerous question of a blockade which was really behind all the big naval talking of Great Britain and the United States of recent years.

The anniversary dinner was highly successful and largely attended. Telegrams of good wishes were read from King George, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Connaught. Besides Dr. Murray Butler, the speakers included the British Ambassador, Sir Eame Howard.

THE COMPLETE TELEPHONIST.

SUBJECTS IN EXAMINATION PAPER.

From time to time says the Morning Post we have been compelled, though regretfully, to remark various slight deficiencies in the telephone service. It is now the more gratifying, therefore, to be able to draw attention to the rigorous tests which must be passed by all who wish to enter the service as male assistant superintendents of traffic.

A pamphlet which sets forth the question papers used at the open examination held in November last has just been published by the Stationery Office. It is an interesting document.

There are five papers. Of these the greatest number of marks are awarded for English Composition. Most people would agree that it is of the highest importance that a telephone superintendent should be able to make a summary, in 250 words, of a short story entitled "The Swindler Tricks the Jeweller." And it is obviously advisable that he should be able to discourse for 30 minutes or so on the aphorism: "There is no place for conscience in the modern business world." Some may say that the qualifications for work of this kind should be more highly specialised, but surely, these grumblers are missing altogether the modern tendency in business relationships.

Nowadays your business adviser is also your friend, who would much rather give you furniture, for instance, than sell it to you. And think how pleasant it will be if, having dined unwisely, you can lift off the receiver from your telephone and, to the query, "Number, Please?" make reply, "Give me a short account of the part played by vitamins in a good diet." The superintendent will know all about it, for it was one of the questions in the General Knowledge Paper.

There is, however, still some slight danger of over-specialisation, for each candidate is compelled to take a short paper on Electricity, for which he can score 100 marks out of a total of 1,300 for the whole examination, and he may, at his option, take another paper on Telegraphy and Telephony.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA.

RELIEF MEASURES A SHOCK TO THE PUBLIC.

Washington, Feb. 10.

The suggestion of Governor Smith, of New York, that steps should be taken by the State Government to provide measures of relief for the unemployed came as a shock to the public, which had no suspicion that there was extensive unemployment, but on the contrary had been led to believe that every able-bodied man wanting work could secure it at high wages.

It now appears that unemployment throughout the country is general enough to cause some apprehension.

The police in Baltimore have been ordered to make a house-to-house canvass to ascertain the number of idle people among the men and women. It is the first time this has ever been done, it is believed. The Federal Commissioner of Labour Statistics is reported as having said that the Baltimore report will approximately determine the number of unemployed in the country.

The number of men out of work is likely to be added to on April 1, when a strike of coal miners in the Illinois district is threatened. The mineowners insist that the men must accept a reduction of wages of 4s. a day—they are now getting 30s.—to permit of competition with Kentucky and West Virginia, where lower wages are being paid to non-union miners. The Illinois miners object to a reduction, and refuse the terms of arbitration proposed by their employers.

Unless some way can be found to break the deadlock a suspension of work seems inevitable.

WITNESS AND HIS EXPENSES.

A man who gave evidence in the King's Bench Division complained to Mr. Justice Horridge that he had received only two shillings as expenses in respect of his attendance of Court on four days and another two-shillings for fares. He asked that his expenses be paid into Court before he gave evidence, but the Judge refused to do so.

The man then inquired if he could refuse to give evidence, and Mr. Justice Horridge replied: "If you don't give evidence you will be sent to prison."

Counsel afterwards said that the witness was subpoenaed by the plaintiffs, but was called by the defendants. Mr. Justice Horridge (to the defendants' counsel)—You have called him as a witness and you must pay.

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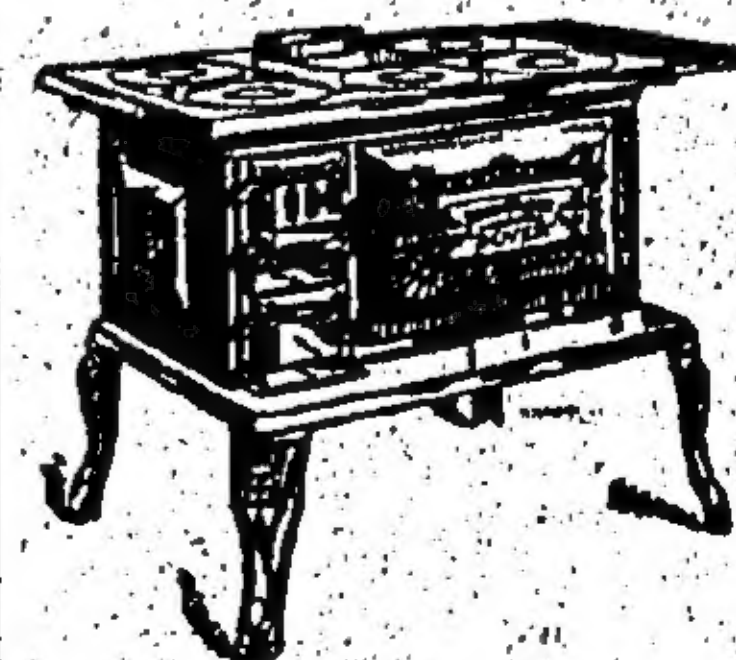
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CHAPTER XIII (Continued.)

They had walked as far as the Tate Gallery, and retraced their steps to the Abbey, before her apology ended. Foster felt as if he had been granted a fresh lease of life. At the worst she had been only inconsiderate. She had made a mistake such as would have been most likely impossible for a more conventional Englishwoman, but she was not what for a time he had suspected. She was not an adventuress, and Parkinson was in love with her cousin.

"It seems," said Foster, "that each of us has deceived the other. I told you the treasure was brought from India by my grandfather. You told your best to take me in. Now the incident is ended. At least it will be this afternoon."

"What is happening?" asked Theresa.

"I shall deliver the confounded box into Lady Parkinson's hands," said Foster.

"And then," she suggested, "should like you to meet Everard in his proper character."

By this time they were approaching the hotel, and when Theresa held out her hand, she made no further allusion to what had passed between them. The situation might easily have a sentimental development, and this was neither the time nor place. Before going to her room, she hesitated about ringing Everard Parkinson up, but decided finally against it. After all he had attained his object. In an hour or two the jewels would be restored to Lady Parkinson, and Everard, never backward in talking about himself, would be certain to broadcast his own part in the transaction.

Meanwhile, Foster Markwell got something to eat, smoked a cigarette slowly over his coffee, then walked to the bank, where he had to wait a few minutes while his parcel was brought up from the strong room. With this in his hand, he at once took a taxi to Park Lane, where Sir Joseph Parkinson occupied a large, ornate house and possessed a treasure in the person of Mr. Lupton, a butler who had lived with him several years, and grown comfortably stout. He was tall, bald-headed, clean-shaven, double-chinned, with an oiliness of skin which always made him appear hot.

Mr. Lupton was supposed to be an excellent judge of character and an expert in dealing with the boggards of all sorts and descriptions, young and old, male and female, deserving and undeserving, who came to the door. As a rule, he knew whom to admit and whom to turn away, and in Foster's case, he would not have hesitated but for the brown paper parcel.

Dr. Markwell's face, voice and clothes bespoke the legitimate visitor, though a quarter to three might be an inappropriate hour, but the parcel was fatal. It naturally suggested that the visitor had something to sell, whereas Sir Joseph easily lost his temper.

"Have you an appointment?" demanded Lupton.

"No," answered Foster, "but I want to see Sir Joseph or Lady Parkinson particularly."

"They always did!"

"They never buy from strangers," said the butler, staring at the parcel.

"Damn it all!" cried Foster, "I don't want them to buy anything. Kindly take in my name."

The peremptoriness of Foster's tone had its effect, and stepping aside, Lupton permitted him to enter the sumptuous hall.

"Very good, sir," he said. "I will tell Sir Joseph."

CHAPTER XIV.

FRESH LIGHT ON EVERARD.

Sir Joseph Parkinson was a man of irritable temper and affectionate disposition. At the age of seventy he had never been more prone to paroxysms of rage and subsequent remorse. Having had no children by his first wife, he had married the second when he was forty-three, she being thirty and very attractive in a rather florid style. He had been much less prominent in those days, but his friends had never known where he had picked her up. It was said she had been a barnmaid, though this was mere speculation, the fact remaining, that Mr. Parkinson (as he then was) had gone away for a fortnight's holiday and returned with a wife.

Although he was a man of simple, economical personal habits, he encouraged her to entertain lavishly, to dress extravagantly, and display the diamonds which, no doubt, were often antiques to domestic life. Since his seventieth birthday, a few months ago, he stayed away from the large offices in Moorgate Street two or three days a week, and this was one of

them. The contracts of his firm extended throughout the world. It had constructed dams in Egypt, temples in India, bridges in Burma, railways in Africa, and none of these things had proved so troublesome as one young man of twenty-six.

After luncheon alone with his wife to-day, Sir Joseph had retired to his smoking-room, lighted a pipe and sat down at his leather-topped table to read once more the draft of the new will which had come from Mr. Colston, his collector, a few days ago. A fresh effort to ensure that Everard should not make ducks and drakes of his wealth in the future.

Although still fond of his wife, Sir Joseph detested her new-made well-brothers, whom he supported on the condition that they should never come within fifty miles of Park Lane. The annoying thing was that his only son should take after these deplorable relatives, though, physically it might be an advantage. Everard had their hair, the same well-knit figure, even something of their swagger, and certainly the same disregard for money.

Sir Joseph had early marked out his boy's career. A public school, a university, then the office, where he should begin at the bottom and master all the details of a complicated business, gradually work his way to the top, succeeding his father when the time came.

The first portion of the plan worked admirably. At Oxford Everard had a liberal allowance and extensive credit. He made a host of friends, and then, one Monday morning, he was taken to Moorgate Street, and expected to begin by spending eight hours a day copying invoices into a ledger, boxed up with unbecoming companions.

His friends were by no means doomed to the same tyranny, and Everard was popular with women. He soon began to arrive late, to leave early, and on occasion to stay away altogether. At last his attendance grew so irregular, that Sir Joseph realised that the time had come to assert himself. The only way was to shorten supplies. Very well, Everard soon learnt how to augment them. He obtained an introduction to Mr. Sinclair Lascelles, of Jermyn Street, and signed several promissory notes, without troubling about their amounts or dates; moreover he obtained the entrée to an exclusive "club," where the goddess Chance was worshipped—an expensive adoration for Everard, and ultimately for his father.

The important thing was to separate him from his dissipated associates, and with this end in view, it was arranged that he should be received into the office of a corresponding firm in New York, with the understanding that he was to live on an absurdly small allowance, till he made good.

Before he had been a fortnight in America, his principal was speculating how in the world to get rid of him without offending Sir Joseph. Sir Joseph solved the difficulty by ceasing to put in an appearance. When several months later, a few days before Christmas, in fact, he returned without permission, Lady Parkinson fell on his neck, while Sir Joseph refused to allow him to stay at Park Lane.

His presence, previous to his departure to America, had been the cause of so much domestic strife, that Sir Joseph was determined not to begin the trouble again. He would continue the ridiculously inadequate allowance, but Everard must live elsewhere. Before accepting this ultimatum, however, he explained that there was nothing he felt more eager to do than to turn over a new leaf, and when he mentioned that the desired condutor was a niece of Elias Faversham, the newspaper man, no doubt Sir Joseph was impressed.

"Do you mean that you're engaged to be married to her?" he demanded.

"Not actually engaged, you know."

"Tell me when you are and I'll talk to you," his father cut him short, and of course this was to argue in a circle. What Everard wanted was the means to return to the States, and make the running on the only possible conditions. He had at least sense enough to realise that Nina Francey would no more dream of marrying a man who could not give her a good time, than of throwing herself into the Mississippi. However, he took a couple of rooms by the week in Cliff Street, Berkeley Square, and came, when he was especially hard up, to see his mother during Sir Joseph's absence. It was on one of these occasions that he made the acquaintance of Mr. Redpath.

In consequence of the draft will, Everard was much in Sir Joseph's mind when Lupton opened the smoking-room door this afternoon.

MR. BOTTOMLEY.

APPLICATION IN KING'S BENCH DIVISION.

Mr. Horatio Bottomley made his first public appearance at the Law Courts since his release from prison when he presented an application in person to Mr. Justice Horridge, sitting in the King's Bench Division. There was a crowded Court.

Addressing Mr. Justice Horridge from the solicitors' table, Mr. Bottomley said he had to make an application in the action which he was bringing against the *News of the World*, Limited, and Mr. H. J. Houston, and his application was that his Lordship would fix an early date—the earlier the better—for the trial of a special issue of mixed fact and law, which Master Jelf had directed should be disposed of before the hearing of the action itself.

Mr. Comyns Carr, K.C., for the defendants, said he did not oppose the application. One of the allegations in the reply was that a document which was undoubtedly signed while Mr. Bottomley was in prison awaiting his appeal, was not permitted to be read by him, nor was he permitted to receive copies of the document without the express authority of the Governor of the Prison or his deputy. The reply added: "Such authority was not obtained on any occasion of such visits." It would be necessary to endeavour, subject to the rules of the public service, to procure the attendance of the gentleman who was the Governor of Wormwood Scrubs Prison at that time, but had since been transferred to another prison.

Mr. Justice Horridge—I think the Governor could easily be brought to Court.

His Lordship fixed March 5 for the hearing.

Allahabad, Feb. 9. A fight for a captured Sikh woman occurred at a village near Lahore. The woman, who was pretty and about 28 years of age, was carried off by a Sikh belonging to an adjacent village. A band of Sikhs advanced on the raider's village, a fierce battle ensued, and the woman was recaptured. Seven persons were seriously injured in this affray.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page:

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"A Dr. Markwell wishes to see you, Sir Joseph."

"Who the devil's he? I don't know the name."

"No, Sir Joseph, but he said his business was highly important."

"Good Heavens! How often have you heard that tale before?" cried Sir Joseph.

"He's got a parcel," said Lupton deprecatingly, "but he says he don't want to sell anything."

"Tell him to go to hell," was the answer.

"If I might suggest, Sir Joseph, I think it might be as well to see Dr. Markwell. There's something about him—"

Sir Joseph started impetuously to his feet.

"Oh, bring him in and have done with it."

He stood over six feet and had broad shoulders with loose limbs, paying little heed to appearances, wearing this afternoon a baggy tweed suit with a low collar and carelessly knotted blue tie. His hands were in his trousers pockets, his short wooden pipe was between his teeth, when Foster entered, parcel in hand.

"Well, what can I do for you?" demanded Sir Joseph, aggressively.

Foster coolly placed the box on the table.

"You can allow me to return something you lost—"

"I've lost nothing I know of!"

"About two years ago," added Foster, "I believe Lady Parkinson was robbed of some jewellery."

As he spoke he took a penknife from his pocket to cut the string.

"Good Heavens!" shouted Sir Joseph, "you don't mean to say you've got it there?"

"You shall see," returned Foster, beginning to remove the brown paper.

"One moment—excuse me," said Sir Joseph, and leaving the room abruptly he ran upstairs very nimbly for a man of his age.

(To be continued.)

(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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P. and O., £94.	n.
East Asiatic, 70.	b.
Insurances.	
Canion Ins., \$670.	b.
Union Ins., \$331.	b.
North China Ins., Tls. 143.	n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461.	b.
China Underwriters, \$270.	b.
China Firs, \$215.	n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$740.	b.
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$411.	b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$271.	b.
H. K. Tugs, \$280.	a.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$35.	sa.
Shanghai, \$90.	n.
Union Waterboats, \$204.	n.
Mining.	
Bonguets, \$235.	n.
Kailans, 66/-.	n.
Langkats, Tls. \$182.	a.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.75.	b.
Raubs, \$41.	b.
Tronohs, 17/6.	b.
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$142.	n.
Whampoa Docks, \$481.	n.
China Providents, \$6.50.	sa.
Hongkows, Tls. 164.	b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4.80.	a.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 99.	b.
Cottons.	
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 9.10.	b.
Oriental, Tls. 2.15.	b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old).	b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$101.	b.
H. K. Lands, \$672.	b.
Shai Lands, Tls. \$131.	b.
Humphreys, \$142.	b.
Realities, \$8.90.	b.
Territorials, \$11.	n.
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$261.	a.
Peak Trams, (old) \$12.	b.
Star Ferries, \$65.	sa.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$18.	b.
H'kong Electric, \$74.	sa.
Macao Electric, \$21.	b.
Telephones, \$4.65.	b.
China Buses, Tls. 62.	n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9.	b.
Industrials.	
China Sugars, \$121.	b.
Malabons, \$27.	n.
Canton Ice, \$4.	b.
Cements (Comb.) \$12.45.	b.
Ropes (Old) \$9.40.	a.
United Asbestos \$10.	a.
Stores &c.	
Dairy Farms, \$21.	b.
Watsons, \$14.10.	b.
Der A. Wing, \$2.	a.
Lane Crawford, \$3.60.	b.
Mackintosh, \$22.	a.
Sinceres, \$9.60.	b.
Wm. Powells, \$5.	n.
Miscellaneous.	
Amusements, \$291.	b.
Constructions, \$11.	n.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 60%.	b.
H. K. G. Loan, 6%.	Prorr.

VICAR'S RATES ARREARS.

"CADGING FROM PUBLIC" ACCUSATION.

Mr. Richard Green, the magistrate at Tottenham Police Court, asked recently if the order he made at the court a week before committing to prison the Rev. Gilbert Watling, vicar of St. John's Church, Upper Edmonton, N., for arrears of rates amounting to £10, had been carried out. The warrant officer replied that it had not.

Mr. Green—I do not think you need to wait. It is a thousand chances that the man has the money. Let him go to prison at once. I will sign the warrant.

Mr. Green said that the vicar had come before him repeatedly twice a year. The last time he was convicted he was in Brixton gaol for about two days when a friend came along and paid the whole of the money. Within a very short time another friend visited the prison prepared to pay the money.

"This man Watling is making a trade of this. He is using the Court for the purpose of cadging from the generous and benevolent public, and more especially the Church of England."

Contributions, said Mr. Green, were sent to Mr. Watling anonymously, and they could not trace how much he was actually receiving.

"The man has no right to be posing as a martyr. It is simply robbing the public," he added.

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HOI CHEONG PIRACY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE OUTRAGE.

A more detailed account of the piracy of the Wuchow boat Hoi Cheong, as given in the vernacular papers, states that the gang who made the attack adopted the usual method of disguising themselves, this time not as passengers, but as members of the crew. If the report is to be believed only three pirates took part in capturing the vessel, and only two of them were armed with pistols. Their taking such a big risk may be due to the fact that they knew the boat was completely unarmed.

On Friday morning, shortly before dawn, while the Hoi Cheong was sailing near Tai Au Kok, in the vicinity of Tai Ping Sha, a notorious pirates' den, the three men attacked the engine-room, and without much difficulty succeeded in subduing the pilot and crew in that part of the vessel. Owing to the darkness, none of the men inside the commodore's department was aware of the attack, until the freebooters had gained the upper hand.

The pirates ordered the pilot to sail to Tai Au Kok, at which place more desperados came, alongside in small sampans.

The Big Noise.

The story goes on to say that the pirate chief was a man named Lui Kung Chuen—nicknamed "The Thunder." This man later arrived on board. One of the first things which he did was to find out who was the commodore of the vessel, and he ordered a few of the pirates to take the commodore ashore.

Later, the pirate chief secured two members of the commodore department and is alleged to have employed forcible methods to make them divulge information.

Altogether eight persons were selected and kidnapped, as reported. All belongings of the crew were taken away. When the gang had left the boat, three or four other small groups of pirates visited the ship for the cleanings.

The two members of the commodore department whom the pirate chief roughly used are alleged to have entered a hospital in Canton for medical treatment. The same report says that the Canton Navy will dispatch gunboats to Tai Ping Sha to carry out a big expedition against the pirates.

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KIDNAPPING STORY.

SERIOUS CHARGES IN SHANGHAI.

A history of crime scarcely paralleled in local court annals was related in the French Mixed Court at Shanghai, when a wealthy Chinese named Li Kuei-yen (alias Li Hon-shing), residing at 292 Rue Pere Robert, and owner of two motor cars and two cycles, was charged as a kidnapper and murderer of his victims. Plaintiff in the case was Mr. Keh Chin-sung, who is a brother of one of the accused's alleged victims. He was represented by Mr. d'Auxion de Juilly, and M. E. Nouveau. M. H. Lee Couelle appeared on behalf of the accused.

According to the complaint presented before the Court, accused was the head of a band of kidnapers who, four years ago in Shanghai, near Tsinanfu, captured a young railway engineer, named Keh Shi-sung, employed on the Shantung railway, and belonging to a well-known Shanghai family. The kidnapped young man was held for ransom. When news of the affair reached Shanghai two brothers of the victim rushed to Shanghai to attend to the ransom and get in touch with the bandits.

The railway administration offered to pay a ransom, and as the result of this a meeting was arranged between the chief bandit and the two brothers. This meeting took place at midnight in a cemetery near Tsinan. At first the bandit, identified by plaintiff as the accused, demanded \$80,000, which amount was later reduced to \$15,000. The latter sum was paid and the bandit agreed to release young Keh. Two days later the corpse of the young engineer was found along the tracks of the Shantung railway. Death appeared to have taken place at least two days before, several revolver wounds being found on the body.

As the result of good work on the part of the Shanghai police three of the bandits in the gang were captured, two of accused's concubines having confessed the names of several of the confederates. The three who were captured were summarily executed by local Shantung authorities.

About a year ago, as another thread in the involved story unfolded, a wealthy sugar merchant by the name of Chen Li-kun was kidnapped in the French Concession and hidden somewhere in Ward Road. The kidnappers got in touch with his family and obtained \$8,000 on the promise of releasing Chen. The kidnapped man, however, disappeared completely, and was not heard of again.

Murdered Victims.

According to the complaint, however, a coolie who offered his services as a cook to attend to the diet of Chen during his captivity was instrumental in the capture of accused. This coolie, following his dismissal after six weeks in attendance upon the kidnapped man during which he had occasion frequently to see accused, was out of a job. One day several months

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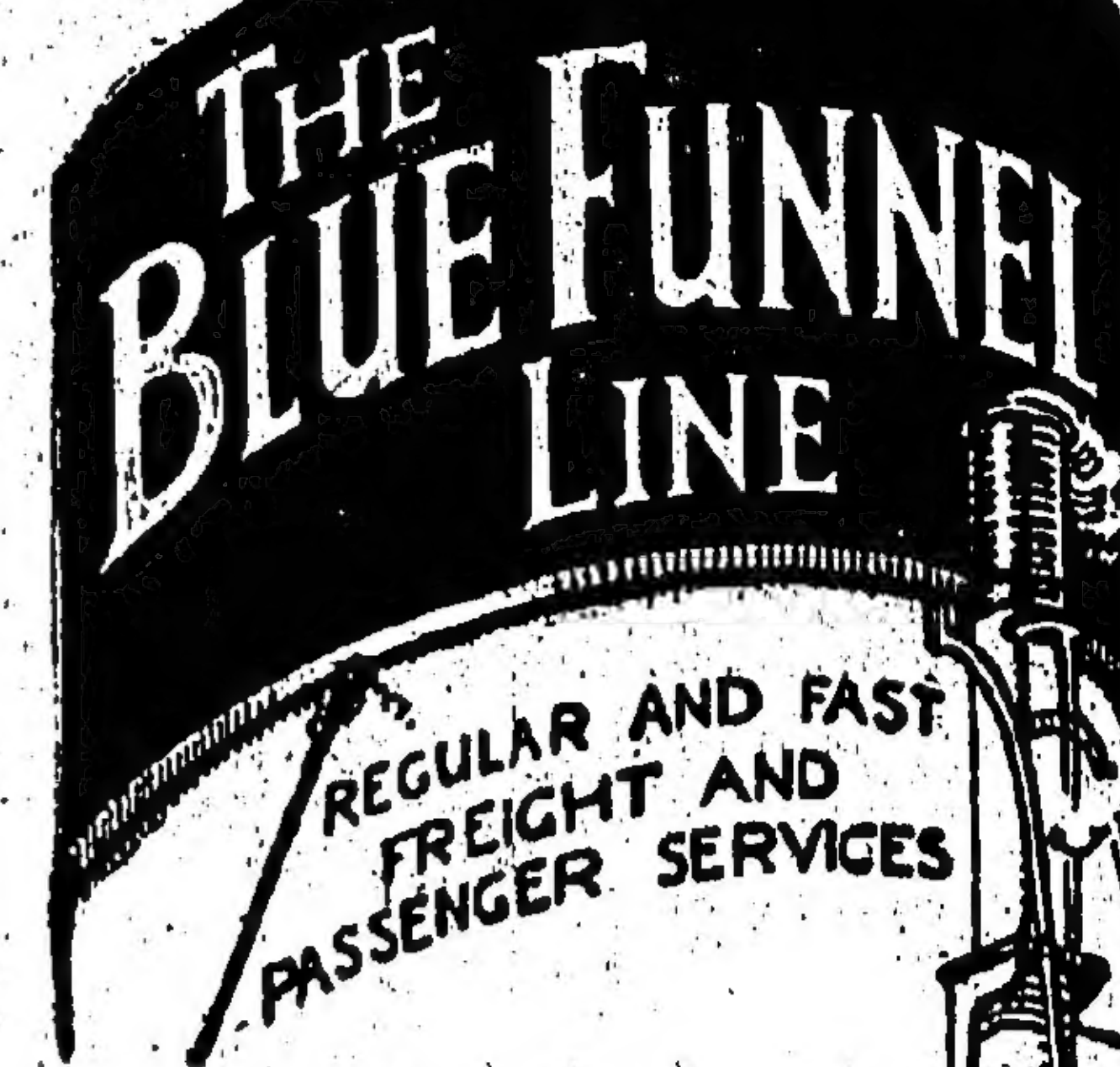
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ago he saw accused with another Chinese in a tea-shop and told him that he needed employment. As a result the complaint alleges, he was given employment as a "garbageman" in various opium dens. Having turned over \$200 to Li and having received nothing for his work the coolie made off with a motor cycle belonging to accused and in a fit of rage pawned it. When the police arrested him for theft and required bail, the coolie appealed to a friend of his, a coolie in one of the local telegraph offices, for assistance. During the inevitable explanations the friend, who had been formerly a servant with the Keh family, suspected that there was some connexion between accused and the kidnapper of young Keh Shi-sung. With the assistance of members of this family a trap was arranged to identify accused. The latter was called to the French Police station under a pretext pertaining to his motor-cycle and the brother Keh identified him. As a result Li was arrested on the charges presented by complainant.

When a raid was made on accused's house in the French Concession a pair of handcuffs were found, and it is understood, a large sum of money. From other findings in the case it would appear that accused had a licence for carrying fire-arms in both the French Concession and the International Settlement, and that he was amply supplied with all the money he needed. Two motor cars and two motor cycles were also among his property.

Complainant is one of four brothers, all of whom have been educated in Europe or America, as was the murdered brother.

Counsel for the defence appealed for accused's release on bail, but this was denied by the court.



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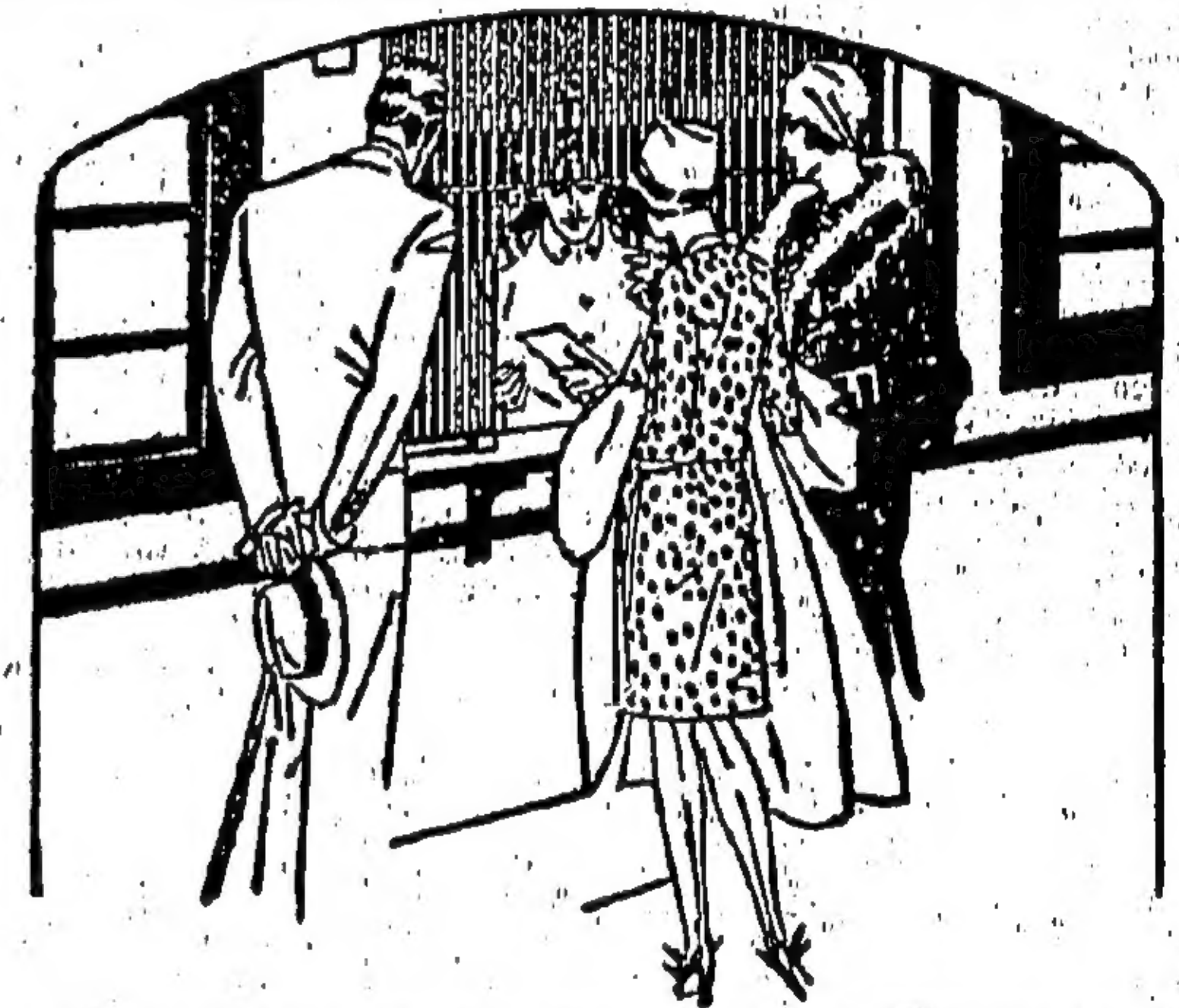
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Kan, Mr. Ho Mon-hon, Mr. Huang
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Hee Sin-man, Mr. M. S. Shek, Mr. J.
Y. Lum, Mr. Wong Tui-ning, Mr. Chan
Ning-fai, Mrs. J. P. Rhana, Mr. Chan
Chung-min, Mrs. Kang Wong, Mrs.
Wood, Mr. Ho Kin-lung, Mrs. B. M.
Fleming, Miss M. Fleming, Miss A. R.
Monte, Mr. F. Hoffmann, Mr. T.
Miyai, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pitts, Mme.
C. Drevet, Miss E. Pye, Mrs. Poong
Hang-hong, Miss R. A. Matthews,
Mr. and Mrs. H. Bell, Mrs. H. M.
S. Duchen, Mr. J. I. Codrington, Mr.
J. P. Willis, Miss R. Cowdry, Mr.
Jeong Hin, Mr. Pun Ming-cho, Mr.
Lee Wee, Mrs. Chin Shee, Mr. Tang
Kam Young, and Miss L. J. Richard-
son.

Sir James Croft (Eton and
Brasenose) has unexpectedly come
into residence at Oxford again,
and yesterday he took the place of
G. V. Stopford (Radley and New
College) as cox in the Oxford boat
when practice was continued.
Sir James coxed the Oxford crew
in the last two races.

NOTE CIRCULATION.

THE FRENCH FIGURES
REVIEWED.

Paris, Mar. 13.
The *Petit Parisien* observes
that the amount of banknotes now
in circulation, namely 59 billions
of francs, corresponds exactly, on
the basis of the increase in prices
since 1914, to the twelve billions
circulating before the war.
Recent puttings into circulation
consequent on the elimination of
the short-term National Defence
Bonds, were to meet the require-
ments of economical activity.—
Havas.

HEAD-ON SMASH.

DISASTER ON CEYLON
RAILWAY.

Colombo, Mar. 13.
Twenty-one persons were killed
in a head-on collision near Kalu-
tara, 28 miles south of Colombo,
between a passenger train and the
Galle-Colombo express.
The engine and three carriages
of the express were badly damaged.
The engine and two carriages of
the passenger train were also
smashed.—Reuter.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

U. S. NAVY DEPOT
RECOMMENDED.

Washington, Mar. 13.
The Army and Navy Board has
recommended the establishment of
a high explosive depot for the
Navy. The suggested site is at
Hawthorne, Nevada, two hundred
miles from San Francisco.—
Reuter's American Service.

AIR TRAGEDY.

LADY FLIER AND PUPIL
CRASH FATALY.

Nairobi, Mar. 13.
Mrs. (formerly Lady) Carbery
crashed at the aerodrome here when
flying with Mr. Dudley Cowie,
whom she was teaching. Both
were killed.
Mr. (formerly Lord) Carbery
witnessed the accident.
Both Mr. Carbery and his wife
were enthusiastic aviators. Mr.
Carbery who relinquished his title
when he became a naturalised
American, flew from London to
Nairobi in a Fokker monoplane last
November.
Mrs. Carbery, who held a pilot's
certificate, left London on Janu-
ary 10 to join her husband on his
coffee plantation, previously sending
out a light aeroplane, making their
fourth machine. It was their
ambition to make Kenya "airminded."
—Reuter.
Lady Carbery was Miss Maie
Ivy Anderson, the daughter of a
Nairobi resident, and she married
Lord Carbery in 1922. She was
his second wife, the first having
divorced him in 1919.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT.

FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA
RESUMED.

Singapore, Mar. 13.
Captain Lancaster and Mrs.
Keith Miller, whose Avro-Avian
light aeroplane crashed at Muntok
in January, and was sent to Singa-
pore for repairs, have resumed their
flight to Australia.—Reuter.
Malacca, Mar. 13.
The Chinese Chamber of Com-
merce has passed a resolution in
favour of a continuance of mod-
ified rubber restriction.—Reuter.

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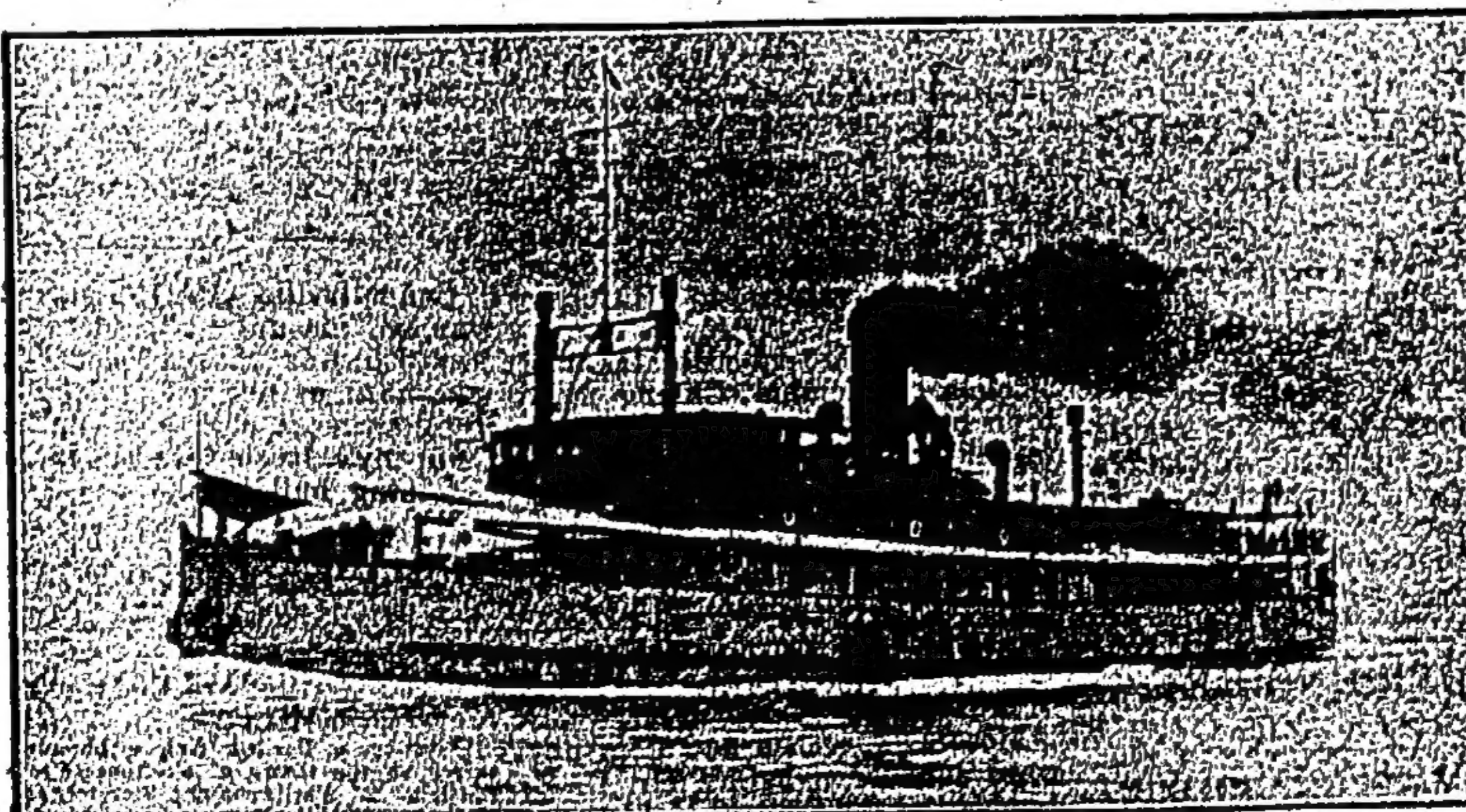
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MIRZAPORE	6,715	27th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'w p
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,653	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	M'les, L'don, A'worp & Hull
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	M'les, L'don, A'worp & Hull
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	M'les, L'don, A'worp & Hull

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MANTUA	10,946	16th Mar. 6 a.m.	Shanghai
NAGPORE	5,283	17th Mar. noon	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
LAHORE	5,252	24th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TAKADA	6,949	28th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
JEYPORE	6,318	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	16,601	25th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
NANKIN	7,058	4th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	8th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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MODERN YOUTH FAIL
AT NAVY TEST.SURPRISING FIGURES OF
REJECTED CANDIDATES.

Remarkable figures concerning
the physique and education of the
modern youth are given by Lt.-
Col. Headlam, Parliamentary and
Financial Secretary at the Ad-
miralty, in a written answer to
Mr. Lansbury.

The figures relate to the re-
cruiting for the Navy and Royal
Marines during 1927. They are:
Candidates 53,915
Accepted 5,655
Rejected 47,866
Awaiting decision on
Dec. 31 394

Colonel Headlam states that
candidates were rejected for
physical, medical, or educational
unfitness.

Air Force Figures.

A statement containing similar
information in regard to the Royal
Air Force, issued by Sir Samuel
Hoare, Secretary for Air, also in
reply to Mr. Lansbury, shows that
during the year 3,356 men pre-
sented themselves for recruitment,
of whom 2,453 were accepted and
5,903 were rejected.

Of the boys who presented
themselves 2,171 sat for the edu-
cation test, of whom 1,476 passed,
192 were rejected on medical
grounds, 253 withdrew after ex-
amination and 1,030 were attested.
The chief causes of rejection,
states the Minister, were educa-
tional unfitness, unsuitable re-
ferences, dental defects, deforma-
ties of feet, poor physique, diseases
of ears or heart, respiratory
diseases, and defective vision.

PRETTY WEDDING.

MR. A. E. KEW—MISS NANCY
JOYCE HQ.

A very pretty wedding took place
at the Union Church this after-
noon, the contracting parties being
Mr. Albert Edward Kew, son of
Mr. Charles H. Whitley Kew, and
Miss Nancy Joyce Ho, daughter of
Mrs. Ho Poek and the late Mr. Ho
Fook. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald
officiated.

The bride, who was given away
by her brother, Mr. Ho Lu, was
attired in a gown of white satin
with silver lace, and she carried
a bouquet of Easter lilies.

Miss Lilla Julianne Cheung was
the maid of honour, and she wore
a dress of blue tulle with silver
lace and carried a bouquet of
roses. Miss Pamela Doris Ho and
Miss Cecilia Kate Ho were the
flower-girls, both being attired in
pink georgette dresses, whilst
Master Algernon Ho as a page-
boy wore a suit of black velvet
with pink blouse.

The bride's mother wore a dress
of blue satin. Mr. E. Manning
was the "best man," whilst Mr.
Longyear was at the organ.

Subsequent to the ceremony, a
reception was held at No. 18a,
Macdonnell Road, being attended
by 300 guests, for whom the cater-
ing was done by Messrs. Lane,
Crawford's restaurant depart-
ment, which also supplied a
magnificent 100-lb. wedding cake.
The honeymoon is being spent at
Repulse Bay, Shanghai, and
North China.

IN MEMORY OF DR. SUN
YAT-SEN.BIG MEMORIAL HALL FOR
CANTON.

According to Chinese press re-
ports, the Canton Government has
decided to spend 1,300,000 Shang-
hai taels in the erection of the Dr.
Sun Yat-sen memorial hall in Can-
ton.

A well-known Shanghai archi-
tectural firm has secured the con-
tract from the Southern Govern-
ment to build the Hall.

NATIONALIST TARIFF
COMMISSION.GOVERNMENT APPROVES THE
REGULATIONS.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.
It is reported that the regula-
tions for the formation of the Na-
tionalist Tariff Commission have
been approved by the Government
and will shortly be officially pro-
mulgated.—Nam Chung Pao.

RUBBER ENQUIRY.

INTERIM REPORT BEFORE
EASTER.

London, Mar. 14.
The newspapers learn that the
Committee of Civil Research en-
quiring into the operation of the
rubber restriction scheme has
progressed sufficiently to be able
to publish an interim report before
Easter.—Reuter.

LOCAL QUESTIONS
IN COUNCIL.NEED OF CONSERVING THE
WATER SUPPLY.

AERODROME COST.

At to-morrow's meeting of the
Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir
Henry E. Pollock, Kt., K.C., is to
ask the following questions:

1. What information can the
Government lay before this Coun-
cil as to the steps which are being
taken in connexion with the con-
struction of the new reservoir in
the Aberdeen Valley?

2. What steps is the Govern-
ment taking by leaflets or notices
to instruct householders and
others as to the imperative neces-
sity of conserving the water sup-
ply of this Colony? Why cannot
printed notices, in English and
Chinese, be sent out to house-
holders periodically? Is it not
possible that some economy in
consumption might be effected by
reducing the amount of the free
allowance of water to house-
holders?

3. In connexion with the
answer given to the Honourable
Mr. Bernard at the last Meeting
of this Council to the effect that
the Imperial Government was con-
tributing £100,000 towards the Kai
Tak Aerodrome, what is the esti-
mated sum of money which the
Hongkong Government will have
to contribute towards the cost of
such aerodrome?

CANTON DEMAND ON
RUSSIA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

citizens who have been murdered
and deported."

Cannot Go Unpunished.

In conclusion, M. Chicherin de-
clared:—"The Soviet Government
sees in the barbarous acts of the
Chinese counter-revolutionaries
and of the forces standing behind
them an open attack on the Soviet
Union. While imminently pursu-
ing the policy of peace, a new ex-
pression of which was the propo-
sal for general disarmament
made recently at Geneva, the
Soviet Union is at the same time
ready for the worst and will not
be taken unawares."

"On behalf of the Soviet Govern-
ment, the People's Commissariat
for Foreign Affairs protests be-
fore the whole world against the
outrages of the Chinese counter-
revolutionaries. The Soviet Gov-
ernment reserves the right to un-
dertake all measures which it may
deem necessary in view of the
bloody crimes committed in South
China against the Union. These
savage acts cannot remain un-
punished."

SEDITIONARY PAPERS.

PIRATED EDITION OF "RED
FLAG."

As a sequel to a police raid on
No. 7, Cross Street, two men and
a woman appeared before Mr. R. E.
Lindsell this morning, charged with
being in possession of seditious
literature.

The police asked for a remand
in order that translations might be
submitted to the Court of the vari-
ous papers seized in the raid.

One of these documents was
handed up to His Worship, who
after examining it, declared it to
be a "pirated" edition of the *Red
Flag*.

The case was remanded for a
week.

MARSHAL CHIANG'S
MOVEMENTS.

TO LEAVE FOR THE FRONT.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who
has been remaining in Nanking
for some time, is reported to have
decided to return to Hsuehchow
very shortly.
Many of the subordinates and
officials of Marshal Chiang have
been making preparations to leave
for the front.—Nam Chung Pao.

TRIVIAL OFFENCE.

THORESEN AND COMPANY
SUMMONED.

Messrs. Thoresen and Company
were summoned before Mr. R. E.
Lindsell at the Central Magistracy
this morning, with that being the
agents for the steamer *Hello*, they
did not within twenty-four hours,
forward to the Superintendent of
Imports and Exports, a complete
and accurate statement of dutiable
liquor and tobacco on board the
steamer.

A plea of guilty being entered,
his Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

ARMS POSSESSION
CASES.PASSENGERS FROM THE U.S.
IN COURT.

Pleading guilty to a charge of
being in possession of a revolver,
a Chinese passenger arriving from
America on board the s.s. *Presi-
dent Grant* yesterday, was fined
\$250 by Mr. W. Schofield, at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was stated that the defendant
had the revolver in a large pocket,
wrapped in an old pair of trousers.
A charge of being in possession
of 100 rounds of pistol ammuni-
tion and spare parts of an automa-
tic pistol, was also brought against
a Chinese passenger of the s.s.
President Grant before Mr. W.
Schofield.

Owing to the defendant's solicitor
being unable to attend this
morning, the case was adjourned
until Saturday.

ROYAL GUESTS OF
BRITAIN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

visitors left by motor-car to pay
homage to the Cenotaph.

A huge wreath was placed by
King Amanullah at the base of the
Cenotaph, and stepping back a
few paces, the Afghan King stood
for a moment bareheaded and
bowed.

The King and Queen proceeded
to Westminster Abbey where a
wreath was laid on the grave of
the Unknown Warrior.

Afterwards at St. James' Palace,
a deputation of the London County
Council and the Westminster City
Council presented Addresses.

Medieval Touch.

This evening, a State Banquet is
being given in honour of King
Amanullah and Queen Souriya at
Buckingham Palace. It will take
place in a brilliant setting. Light
from the gold candelabra will
illuminate the Banquet Hall and
famous gold plate has been
brought from Windsor Castle for
the occasion.

The King's bodyguard of
Yeoman of the Guard forming a
cordon around will give a
medieval touch to the scene.
British Wireless.

Government's Guests.

London, Mar. 13.
The King and Queen of Afghanis-
tan arrived with their entourage at
Dover to-day, being met by the
Prince of Wales and Viscount Al-
lenby.

A special train to Victoria Sta-
tion was met by King George and
Queen Mary, who warmly welcomed
the royal visitors. For the next
three days, the King and Queen of
Afghanistan will be the guests of
their Majesties at Buckingham
Palace.

Afterwards the Afghan visitors
will be the guests of the British
Government at Claridge's Hotel.—
Reuter.

TWO TRANS-OCEAN
FLIGHT?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Following the Great Circle
steamship route, the Japanese
airmen will pass Yuzo, to the
south of Kamchatka, the Aleutian
Islands and the Gulf of Alaska
before reaching Puget Sound.
The flyer first to arrive will re-
ceive \$25,000, a sum equal to
that awarded America's pioneer
New York to Paris airman. The
prize has been promised by busi-
ness men of Seattle.

The planes under construction,
it is stated, will be capable of
making the flight and the airmen
are considered qualified for the
venture. During the present
month the four young aviators
plan a flight to the Bonin Island
as a preparatory step for the non-
stop flight across the Pacific.

Connellsville (PA.), Feb. 2.—
Damage amounting to more than
\$500,000 was caused here this
afternoon by fire which destroyed
the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
Company's locomotive shops and
joining buildings.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—
1. Professor Hendrik Antoon Lorentz; re-
search on the theory of electricity; Professor
Einstein. 2. Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; Lord
Baldwin. 3. The original diploma designed
by the Brothers Wright, which made its first
flight in December 1903. 4. Beautiful women
of Paradise. 5. Tennessee's "Band" Band.
Killing's "Punchy" Billie's "Ode to the
West Wind." 6. Hans Holbein (1497-
1533). 7. It is named after the legendary son
from Marathon to Athens, of a messenger who
brought news of victory in battle. 8. All are
opera; Rosalind, Saint-Saens. 9. Leconte de
Lisle. 10. Eastern part of Pennsylvania.
(There are large deposits in China, which are
little mined). 11. Gower; master; pack; hand;
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